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- The following Rules will govern the Competition:
- The Competition is open to all photographers.
- The entries awarded the 1st and 2nd Prizes for the best and second-best pictures in the Competition, will not be entitled to any other prizes.
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- The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
- All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
- No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.
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- No picture to enter in more than one Section.
- Entries to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes:—10x12, 10x15, 10x20.
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- Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
- At the conclusion of the Competition, entries will be returned to competitors on application at the Telegraph offices within seven days.
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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 29th day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shek Shan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty, the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer, in cash the sum of \$2,835.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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Taxi Dancers Strike

Dispute in Singapore

Alleged to be dissatisfied with the action of the cabaret management in increasing the price of dance coupons, over 100 dance hostesses at the Great World Cabaret, Singapore, called a strike a fortnight ago.

The management point out that the increase in the price of coupons for tea dances, while not affecting the hostesses as regards their payment, merely brought the Great World into line with all other cabarets not only in Singapore but in Malaya.

It was stated that only a small number of hostesses were dissatisfied with this step and had tried to stop the dancing. Girls who wished to carry on were prevented from doing so, it was alleged.

From the hostesses' point of view, it was suggested that although they would continue to receive the same rate of payment as before, the increased cost of coupons might mean fewer patrons and decreased earnings.

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12.30 New Dance Music.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 Louis Levy and His Gaumont-British Symphony and Denny Dennis (Vocal).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Mendelssohn Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64, Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and The State Opera Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

0.00 Indian Programme.

0.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

0.47 Film Selections by The New Mayfair Orchestra, Reginald Ford (Organ) and Gerardo and His Romance in Rhythm Orchestra.

7.15 Piano Duets by Moreton and Kaye.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 London Relay—"Listening Post"—Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 Plantation Songs by Paul Robinson (Bass) with Orchestra.

8.41 Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra.

9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 An Hour Of Classical Requests—Intermezzo (From "Cavalleria Rusticana"—Mascagni)... State Opera Orchestra; One Fine Day (From "Madam Butterfly" Act 2—Puccini)... Rosetta Pampalini (Soprano) with Orchestra; Hungarian Dance No. 5 (Brahms)... Boston Promenade Orchestra; Woman Is Fickle (From "Rigoletto" Act 1—Verdi)... O. Sole Mio (Capusi)... Enrico Caruso (Tenor) with Orchestra; The "Sleeping Beauty" Waltz (Tchaikovsky)... Royal Opera Orchestra Covent Garden; Sonata In C Sharp Minor ("Moonlight"—Beethoven)... Egon Petri (Piano Solo); Romance In E Flat, Op. 44 No. 1 (Rubinstein)... The New Light Symphony Orchestra; The Factotum (From "The Barber of Seville"—Rossini)... Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Orchestra; Serenade (Toselli)... Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 News in French (On Short Wave Only).

9.45 Classical Requests (Continued)—Solange (F. "Peer Gyn"—Grieg)... Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Piano; Wine Women and Song—Waltz (Strauss)... Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Jerusalem (Blake and Dr. Parry)... The BBC Choir in Christ Church with Organ.

10.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 A Dance Programme by Charlie Kunz (Piano) and His Ballroom Orchestra; Jaul Whitley and His Orchestra; Harry Horlick and His Orchestra; Ray Kinney and His Hawaiian Musical Ambassadors; Al Cooper and His Savoy Sultans; Hattisette's Swingette; Mantovani and His Orchestra.

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St Andrew's Club

New Officers Elected

The thirteenth annual general meeting of St Andrew's Club was held in the Church Hall yesterday. The Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, Vicar of St Andrew's Church, presided, supported by Mr. L. C. Millington and Mr. A. B. Miles, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively.

Reading the report of the past year, Mr. Millington revealed that the number of members at the beginning of the year was 120. During the year eight new members were elected and 37 resigned, leaving the present membership 100.

Despite the evacuation, the Club was able to raise one ladies' hockey team, which played many friendly matches during the season. Other activities included a marathon race, badminton, bathing, tennis, table tennis, social evenings, amateur dramatics and lectures.

Subscriptions in Arrears

The financial statement, as presented by the Hon. Treasurer, showed a loss of \$227.71, this would not have been the case had all members paid their subscriptions.

The Rev. J. R. Higgins and the outgoing committee were awarded a vote of thanks.

Following officers for the ensuing year were elected:—President Mr. Wittenbach; Vice-Presidents, Messrs R. Baldwin, R. Dormer, C. S. P. Heywood, A. C. Jeffreys and R. H. Wong; Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. C. Millington; Hon. Treasurer, A. B. Miles; Members of Committee, Miss F. Wong, Miss S. Arnold and Messrs J. Pennington, W. C. Low, J. Moulton and V. Merritt.

Miss F. Wong and Mr. Pennington were elected captains of the ladies and men's hockey teams respectively.

CLIPPER SERVICES

Two Flights Weekly From Manila to Hongkong

A Sikorsky S-42 Clipper, which Pan American Airways plan to operate twice weekly between Hongkong and Manila, if permission is granted by the Civil Aeronautics Board of the United States Government, left San Francisco on September 23 en route to Manila. It is anticipated that the twice-weekly service will be operated between Hongkong and Manila exclusively by the Sikorsky S-42 Clipper. If plans are approved, Pan American Airways will then divert all of the Boeing and Martin Clippers direct to Singapore. This will give Singapore a weekly service, and Clippers will depart from Singapore for Manila every Wednesday, and leave Manila for the United States every Friday.

Donations To Bomber Fund

Air Raid Distress

Yesterday's collection for the Bomber Fund included a fourteenth donation of \$100 from Miss Marion Potter, and the eighth from the Parian Grill. The total of \$2,532,061.54. The following is the latest list:

Miss Marion Potter (fourteenth donation) \$100
Parian Grill "Sheli" (eighth donation) 96.40
Wingang Inward Passengers 30
Wingang Outward Passengers 30
General 97.20
Individual 5
Mr. Bahawal Khan, Maseo, per II. 10
Sale of Shanghai R.A.F. Association "V" Badges (1 at \$2, 2 for \$4.50 and 2 for \$5) 11.50

AIR RAID DISTRESS FUND

A donation of \$25.00 has been received by the Lord Mayor's national Air Raid Distress Fund, from the Brook Club, Kowloon, according to a message from London.

SCHOOL FOR DEAF

The Building Fund Committee of the School for the Deaf gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following donations:

Previously acknowledged \$10,432; Miss E. M. Buckland \$30; total \$10,502.

S. P. C. A.

The S. P. C. A. has received the following donation to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in loving memory of Bobby and Kitty, \$5.

B. W. O. F.

The S. P. C. A. has received the following donation to the British War Organisation Fund—Kowloon Branch, in loving memory of St. Dunstan, 18th. (donation) \$100.

PRISONERS OF WAR FUND

The S. P. C. A. has received the following donation to the British Prisoners of War Fund in loving memory of Bobby and Kitty, \$5.

AWAITING COLLECTION

Donations for the following Organisations await collection at the office of the S. P. C. A. Post: Emergency Refugee Council; Food Kitchens Fund; B.F.H.D.C.; St John Ambulance Brigade; British Prisoners of War Fund; Orphanage Centre; China Defence League; Anglo Rural Organisation; Blind Girls Home, B.W.O.F., S.P.C.A.

Wives' Cable Plea

Mr W. V. Taylor, Hon. Secretary of the Evacuation Representation Committee, last night made available a cable despatched to him on September 23 after a mass meeting of wives in Melbourne and received yesterday, the cable, which read: "Please transmit to the Governor the following: Wives' position very desperate; great mental distress, increasing daily; lifting of ban very vital; otherwise extremely serious results."

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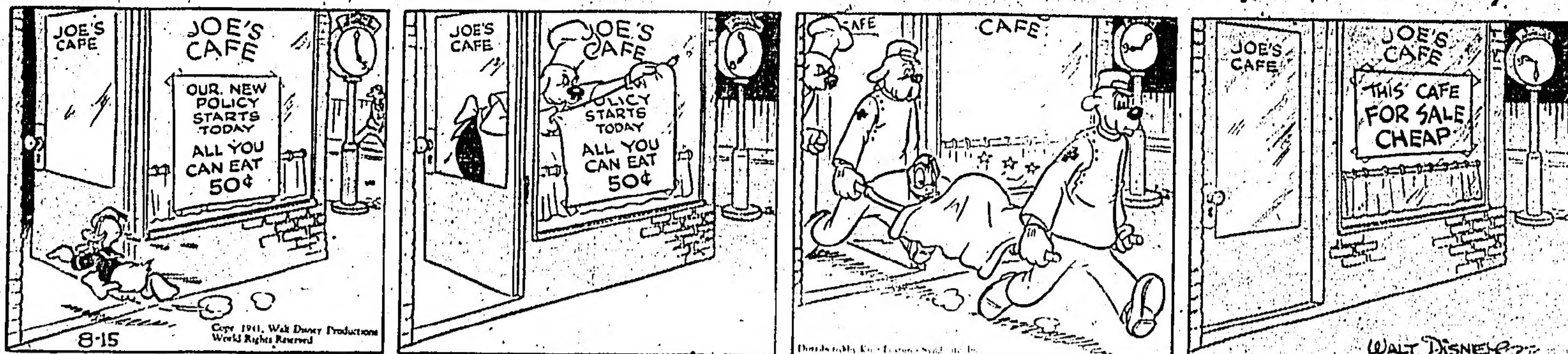
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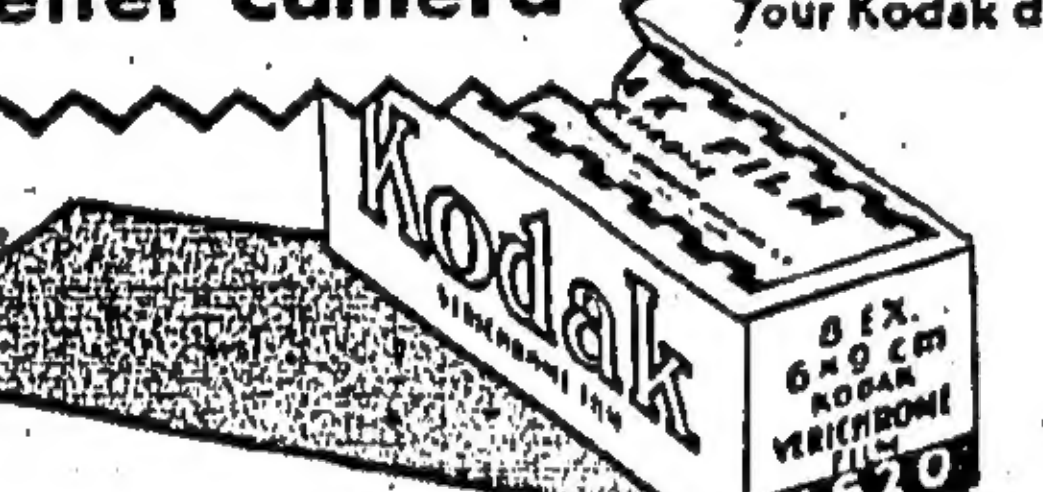
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Hongkong Bomber Squadron

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18th September, 1941.

From the Minister of Aircraft Production:

"Gratefully acknowledge latest production of Bombers. Continued support and financial encouragement and business nearer day when Hongkong Squadron strength to our bombing force."

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ERSATZ MORALE

In "Mein Kampf" Adolf Hitler has written of the inability of Imperial Germany to comprehend the forces that would lead men to face death of their own free will. A report by the Committee for National Morale, a group of university psychologists, medical men and social scientists with headquarters in New York, indicates that a similar inability to appreciate fundamental values exists in Nazi Germany to-day. The Nazi soldier, the report shows, is a product of applied psychology plus medical and alcoholic stimulus. Analysis of hundreds of German books on the psychology of war has disclosed an attempt to foster a sort of synthetic morale out of ersatz ingredients.

The morale consists of a one-track line of thinking wholly absorbed with the idea of attack. It is bolstered by uniforms designed to give the soldier an exaggerated sense of his own prowess. Evidently retreat and defeat are concepts consciously excluded from his mental equipment. He is protected from ridicule. When all these applications fail to overcome his fear in combat, resort to drugs and alcohol is apparently in order, according to the Committee's report. Thorough as is the German soldier's training, the extensive development of psychological methods by the Nazis indicates moral weakness rather than strength. Moreover, in this war as in the last, the emphasis on purely material factors has led German officialdom to make the mistake of underestimating the staying power of their chief opponent, Britain.

It is obviously impossible that the British public could have been exposed to the so-called benefits of applied psychology as practised in German military circles. The individual Briton has had to learn to stand on his own moral feet. In so doing Britons have discovered surprising reserves of courage and of physical as well as moral strength in themselves. Some have been at a loss to explain their experience. Others have recognised that their strength came from a consciousness of the righteousness of the cause to which they had dedicated themselves.

For example: when in 1939 Britain's Government decided to "oppose" Nazi aggression even at the cost of war, British people felt a sense of peace in their country that had been absent throughout many months of "appeasement." This was a morale that no amount of applied psychology could have produced. Nor could the military forces break through it. Just as the German authorities in 1914 had learned little from the history of free peoples making willing sacrifices for righteous causes, so the Nazis have apparently learned little. Nor has Hitler, who in the days when he saw "Mein Kampf" saw as clearly the German mistake of underestimating truly moral values, avoided a similar mistake in German organization for the present war.

It should be a cause for encouragement among champions of freedom and justice everywhere that the natural ingredients of bravery and strength are native to the cause for which free men stand. For they can know why right is right, and that they are supported by "everlasting arms."

THE EYES OF THE WORLD ARE CAST ON THIS AREA—THE NEXT POSSIBLE SCENE OF STRIFE

The massing of Bulgarian troops on Turkey's European frontier is once more causing anxiety in Kemal Ataturk's cubist-concrete capital at Ankara.

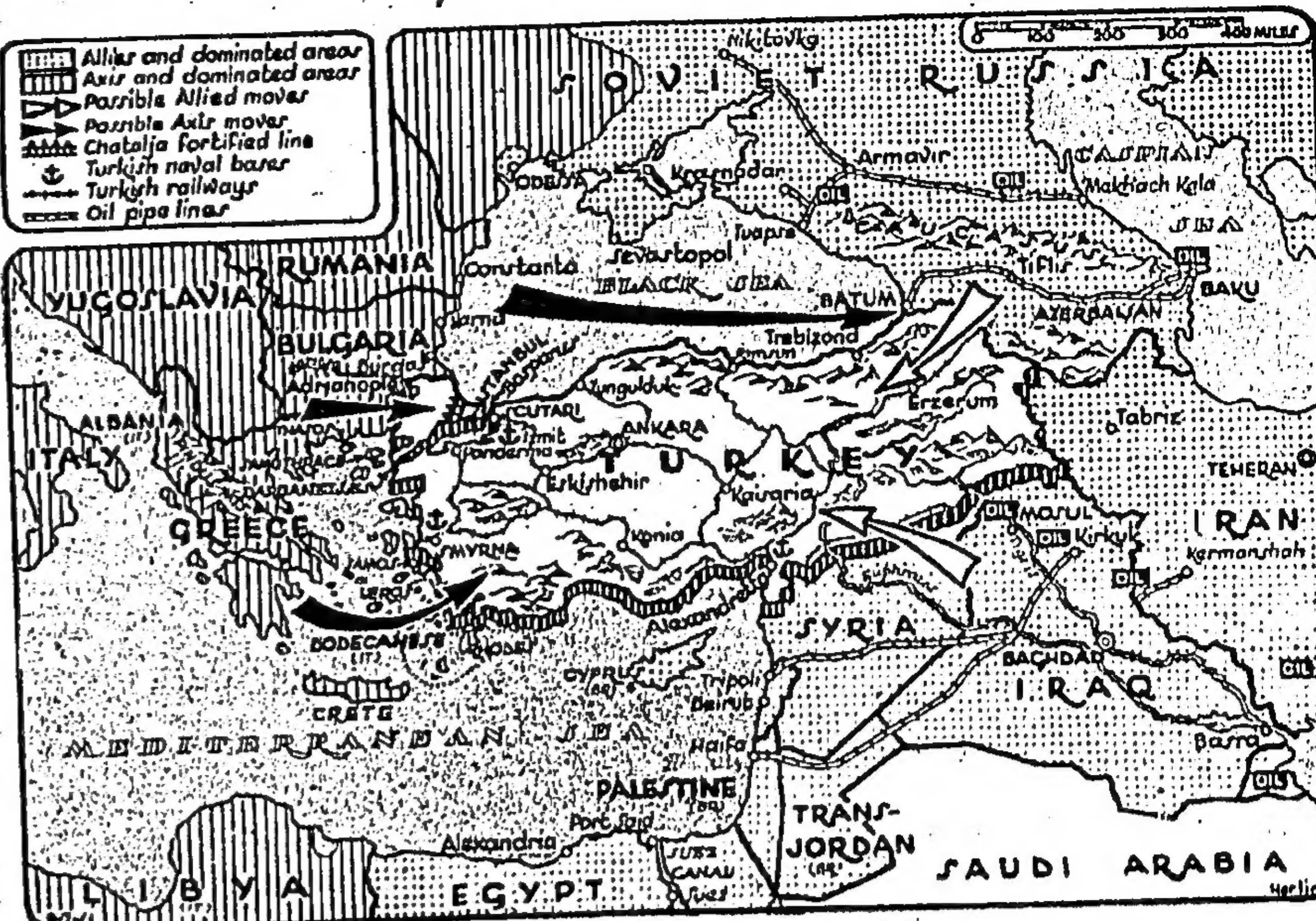
Bulgarian troop movements, concentrations and decrees of mobilisation have long been a main interest of Turkish observers and a principal fear of ever-sensitive, nervous, rumour-mongering Istanbul, glittering on the shores of the blue-watered Bosphorus. To-day anxiety is all the more urgent. For in the last nine months many bastions of what Turkey used to regard as her advanced defence regions have fallen.

Marshal Fevzi Chakmak, the old-world chief of Turkey's ill-armed military forces, has long based his plans to defend the Dardanelles on a line of defences, the Chatalja Line, following the east end of the lofty Rhodope Mountains and the banks of the meandering River Maritsa on the Thracian border. The advance bastions of that line are naturally on the Danube. The Germans crossed it in March. Then they took Greece, and from Thracian either they or the Bulgars could now outflank the Chatalja defences.



Behind that line, on the European shores of the straits, nearly half the Turkish Army was concentrated last Spring. Now, if it were attacked, it would have the greatest difficulty not only in holding the Chatalja Line at all, but even in evacuating to Anatolia.

After the fall of Greece the Axis forces swooped upon the islands of the Aegean and three of these—Thasos, Samos and Samothrace—turn the Dardanelles from the south. Axis air bases are now established throughout the Aegean islands.



TURKEY'S Position Grows in Peril

By Patrick Maitland

and experts have judged that Italy's Dodecanese are secure for his sharp penetration, could more easily afford to sit on the fence of neutrality, now Allied pressure—it is no aggressive threat but it is pressure none the less—has revived. Syria is back among the Allies. So is Iraq. And now so is Iran.

South of the Dardanelles Turkey's advance defence line lay along the Pindus Mountains of Greece. But these are gone and Turkey is now ringed by enemies on the west.

In the north, her fleet is her chief protection. But even though the Axis fleets have suffered heavy losses, Axis naval forces are more or less established on the west shores of the Black Sea and Russian naval power is surely no greater now than it was when the conflict with Germany began. Yet Turkey had always counted on Russian naval aid.

To the south and east the Axis has moved forward. If, after the collapse of France, Turkey's enigmatic Foreign Minister-Sukru Sarajoglu, once

styled the logician of diplomacy for his sharp penetration, could more easily afford to sit on the fence of neutrality, now Allied pressure—it is no aggressive threat but it is pressure none the less—has revived. Syria is back among the Allies. So is Iraq. And now so is Iran.

Though Turkish relations have been closer with Russia—the first country to recognise Kemal Ataturk's revolutionary government—than with any other power, they have never been relations of 100 per cent. confidence—perhaps the peak has been 75 per cent. For Mr Sarajoglu and his predecessors have known, Ataturk knew and his successor, Ismet Inonu, has never forgotten that to the Soviet the Dardanelles are a vital interest. Now that they are virtually enveloped by the Axis, Russia's need is to make her Caucasus defences doubly sure.

The possibility of Russian moves in the Caucasus region to counter any threatening advance from the Aegean or across the stormy waters of the Black Sea, has long been foreseen, even dreaded, in Ankara.

The secret hope, scarcely mentioned in Ankara above a whisper, was always that Turkey might, if threatened, make a lightning dash into northern Iran, establish a protectorate over the 600,000 unhappy, oppressed Turki-speaking folk of that area who had been impressed by the Shah into abandoning their nomad life and set to work on his estates beside the Caspian Sea. From that position, Chakmak's general staff have long since been arguing, Soviet threats or thrusts might be parried by a movement into Soviet Azerbaijan.



Here, too, is a Turki-speaking minority, gathered on the slopes of the Caucasus, nestling uneasily around the inflammable oil wells. But this hope has been crushed by the Anglo-Soviet occupation of Iran, whose independence and neutrality it has been a Turkish aim to uphold.

Shanghai Experiences New Economic Dislocations

Suffering from the impact of four years of war, which has reduced trade and manufacturing tremendously and virtually stalemated all foreign business, Shanghai is undergoing new shocks as a result of the freezing of all credits and Japanese retaliatory export embargoes.

Official reports indicate that Shanghai manufacturers are facing a catastrophe due to the United States export licensing system, which has cut off Shanghai from badly-needed raw materials. Present stocks of commodities will be rapidly reduced during the coming months, unless present restrictions are eased up.

Owners of machine shops and metal works report that their stocks are disappearing fast and many of them expect to be forced to close down soon.

Being the bottleneck through which flows all trade between the outside world and the rich Yangtze valley, Shanghai is most sensitive to trade controls, which were first instituted by the Japanese and then by third powers due to wartime exigencies.

Imported commodities are becoming scarce and expensive, and the shortage of shipping threatens further price rises in the future. Restrictions on control over movements of raw materials and fuel, particularly to Shanghai from the interior, have curtailed the output locally. Serious unemployment has resulted, and prices on locally-produced goods have risen sharply—800 per cent; meat, such as mutton, winter

By Robert P. Martin
United Press Staff Correspondent

ly in turn, causing food riots, strikes and more terrorism.

Foreigners drawing salaries in gold or sterling between October 1939 and January 1941 found that their cost of living had risen by 91.98 per cent. During the same period Chinese currency, in relation to the American dollar, increased by 46 per cent, leaving a gap of 53 per cent, which foreigners had to bear due to the war.

Chinese workers being paid in Chinese dollars suffered even more. Comparative figures showed that the cost of living between 1936 and 1941 has increased by 600 per cent.

Authoritative sources estimate that due to the recent man, who has been forced to de-freezing order and embargoes, the cost of living will be increased generally by approximately 15 to 20 per cent, despatches, experts anticipate a slight increase in the value of Chinese currency in terms of foreign exchange.

Adding to the difficulties during the past few months was the hoarding mostly done by Chinese merchants and businessmen, who anticipated further shortages as a result of price increases, thus creating the most acute shortage even in such a staple article as rice, which reached the highest price in China's history.

Foreign food prices showed the following advances; bread the conditions during the com-

of beef, sirloin and pork chops increased between 300 and 400 per cent; chickens and fresh milk went up over 400 percent, and fresh fruit prices are up over 600 per cent.

Apartment rentals increased from 100 to 200 per cent during the past year, while servants' wages increased over 100 per cent during the same period, omitting previous increases prior to September 1940, which were not as spectacular as in the past year.

To relieve the situation, both the officials of the International Settlement and the French Concession encouraged importation of rice and flour. They also imported rice themselves and organised cheap sales of these commodities. However, even then prices were beyond the means of the ordinary working man, who has been forced to de-freezing order and embargoes, the cost of living will be increased generally by approximately 15 to 20 per cent, despatches, experts anticipate a slight increase in the value of Chinese currency in terms of foreign exchange.

Hundreds of Chinese die every winter from starvation and cold, but the figures are expected to mount this year due to increasing malnutrition, which is bound to decrease the power of resistance.

Medical figures recently published record a tremendous increase in the tuberculosis and consumption incident rate, especially among the poorer classes, which will aggravate the following advances; bread the conditions during the com-

To Turkey these outlying defensive regions—stretching to the Danube, the Pindus Gorges, the north and west shores of the Black Sea, the Turki-speaking region of Soviet and Iranian Azerbaijan, and to Syria and Iraq—were the far-flung bastions of her guarded neutrality. It was mainly to bolster her neutrality that Turkey sought in turn to encourage—or appease—the neighbouring great powers by signing the Ankara pact of mutual assistance with Britain and France, by improving relations with Greece, by keeping on Stalin's right side and, more recently, by signing a pact of friendship with the Reich. Neutrality is the key to Mr Sarajoglu's policy.

He has sat on the fence; and now it is beginning to crack. If the Germans cared to attack, the Turkish armed forces would be in a far worse position to resist than formerly. And communications are so poor in East Anatolia—the few roads are ill-surfaced, in poor repair, strung with bridges which a two-ton truck would crush to rubble—that it would be hard to make Allied aid effective.



On the other hand, if Turkey should waver toward the Axis the Allies would be in fine shape to call a halt. They could argue that free passage for German arms would only mean that they would be forced to advance on to Turkish soil themselves, and Central Anatolia would be turned into a battle area.

But if war does come, if the Axis does seek a short-cut to the Caucasus, effective resistance would be difficult now that so many advance bastions have fallen. For Ankara the choice which opposing belligerents are beginning to impose is difficult. It is only certain that foreign encroachments on Turkish soil will be bravely resisted.

Japanese Pour Troops Into N. Hunan Battle

CHANGSHA, Sept. 25 (Central News).—Extremely heavy casualties have compelled the Japanese to pour in more troops to support their six columns in northern Hunan, latest field dispatches disclosed.

On the extreme left, the enemy forced most heavily in their southwesterly drive from Pingliang towards Wuyang. Out of the 17,000 Japanese troops, more than 3,000 have been killed and wounded up to Tuesday, necessitating the dispatch of 5,000 more men the following day.

The second, third and fourth columns at Wukou, Wusungshih and Hsinshih respectively from the east to the west on the south bank of the Milo River have been increased by 20,000 strong and started southward thrusts simultaneously two days ago. However, all the enemy units have been held back by the Chinese.

INVESTIGATING IRAN'S EX-SHAH

TEHRAN, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—The Government have made a close enquiry and have discovered that there is no confirmation of the report that the ex-Shah had deposited money in foreign banks.

Open allegations that the ex-Shah possessed vast wealth deposited in foreign countries, probably under a false name, have recently been made in Parliament and the press has been discussing the possibility of the Iranian Government laying hands on such funds.

The semi-official newspaper "Journal de Teheran" reports that all the ex-Shah's family, with the exception of his wife, are at present with him at Kerman in southeastern Persia and they will probably accompany him from Iran.

The newspaper adds that the ex-Shah is going to the United States but that his wife will return to Teheran.

Tobruk Patrols

CAIRO, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—A communiqué issued here states: "In Libya our patrols from Tobruk continue to operate nightly over a wide front. In the frontier area, our patrols have also been active."

Canberra Envoy to China Will Work With Kerr

RANGOON, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—"Australia takes the war most seriously and no change of government makes any difference in this respect," said Sir Frederick Eggleston, the first Australian Minister to China, who is now in Rangoon en route to Chungking, when interviewed by "Reuters."

Sir Frederick added that Australia was making a war effort which was colossal for a nation of 7,000,000. He expressed Australia's greatest admiration for the splendid resistance by China against aggression and especially for the great leaders of the Chinese people.

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KIDNAPPING IN PEIPING

Tokyo Responsibility

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador in Tokyo, has taken up with the Japanese Government the matter of the disappearance of Mrs. Denzil Clarke, wife of the British Assistant Press Attaché in Peiping, who is believed to have been kidnapped.

Representations have already been made to the local Japanese authorities in Peiping.

It is highly probable, states "Reuters," that the Japanese are at the back of this outrage as they were behind the wholesale arrests of British subjects last year, for it is extremely curious that whenever relations between Great Britain and Japan appear to be showing signs of improvement some incident of this kind occurs to set them back.

The British Government hold the Japanese responsible for the disappearance of Mrs. Clarke as they are responsible for the maintenance of law and order in Peiping.

Search Intensified

PEIPING, Sept. 25 (UP).—The British Embassy to-day stated that the Clarke case is more hopeful owing to the increased activities of the Japanese authorities.

The Japanese Embassy spokesman said that an unspecified number of Japanese gendarmes and Chinese military police are searching for Mrs. Clarke inside and outside of Peiping. He said that many Japanese believe that Mrs. Clarke "possibly desired to go elsewhere," and when asked whether he believed that she had been kidnapped, he replied, "We don't know. That is why it is so hard to look for the culprit."

Lord Wakehurst

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—The term of office of Lord Wakehurst as Governor of New South Wales has been extended for a period of 12 months from April 8, 1942.

Mongolia As Musical Inspiration

Ma Sison's Recital

The barren plains of Mongolia with its scattered temples, its trains of slow-moving camels and their soft tinkling bells, was the source of inspiration for Professor Ma Sison's suite "Sutyuanla" which he composed during a journey through Mongolia in 1937 and will play at his recital at the Peninsula Hotel to-night.

In three movements, the suite is a splendid example of the adaptability of Chinese musical thought and interpretation on western lines. It was orchestrated by the composer and played by the National Symphony Orchestra in Chungking where Chinese interest in western classical music is being encouraged and fostered mainly by the Professor's efforts.

Opening with Beethoven's Concerto in D Major, Professor Ma's programme to-night includes Bach's "Sonata" for Violin, "Tambourin Chinois" and "Sutyuanla".

A second recital will be given on Saturday, with an entire change of programme which will include Professor Ma's compositions "Sonata in G Major" and his "Sword Dance" in addition to Mendelssohn's "Concerto" and Schubert's "Ave Maria".

The "Excellency" the Governor will be present at the performance to-night.

Instruction Of Russian Tank Crews

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—It is understood that the Russians are establishing schools for the training of crews for British tanks and probably Russian military experts will visit Britain for tank instruction.

Tank production this week will create a record and it is the Government's intention that the record production should be maintained.

The volume of tanks and munitions to be sent to Russia during the winter and the spring of next year will be a high percentage of British production.

Efforts are being made to speed up transport so that British supplies to Russia will arrive in the shortest possible time. Railways and roads in the Middle East are being developed in order to take increased supplies from Britain to Russia.

Windsors In Washington

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—Thousands crowded the approaches to Washington's Union Station early this morning to roar a tumultuous welcome to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, who were greeted officially by Sir Ronald Campbell, the British Charge d'Affaires, and Mr. George Sumner, the State Department's Protocol chief.

Received By Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day received the Duke and Duchess of Windsor for a half hour chat. The Windsors are en route to their ranch in Canada. The Duke said that he was "absolutely confident" that Britain will win the war. In the visit to Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State and Admiral Emory Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission who told the Duke that everything possible was being done to maintain a bridge of ships to Britain.

Poles Reveal War Figures

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—Polish Military Headquarters in London to-day stated that the Germans' losses in the Polish-German campaign of September, 1939, were 90,000 killed, 200,000 wounded, 400 tanks and 500 planes destroyed.

The first incomplete list of Polish casualties contains the names of more than 1,000 Polish officers and non-commissioned officers killed.

Strength Of Japanese In Manchukuo

CHUNGKING, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—A Japanese war with Russia is believed in Chinese circles here to be brought nearer by the German successes on the eastern front.

It is impossible to ascertain the number of Japanese troops massed in Manchukuo but well-informed Chinese opinion contends that the figure of one million given in certain quarters is somewhat high.

Chinese military authorities here estimate the total Japanese strength along the Russian border as between 500,000 and 600,000.

The same quarters place the total of the opposing Soviet strength at 600,000.

General Sentenced To Death

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". VICHY, Sept. 25 (UP).—A High Court-martial to-day sentenced to death in absentia, General Paul Legentilhomme, former Commander of the French Forces at Djibouti, who rallied to General de Gaulle and led the Free French in Syria.

North Sea, Channel Patrols

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—An Air Ministry communiqué states: "Yesterday the weather was unfavourable for air operations but aircraft on patrol continued to attack enemy shipping."

"On the coast of Norway, Hudson aircraft of the Coastal Command bombed a large enemy supply ship from a low level and off Dunkirk hurricane aircraft of the Fighter Command attacked an enemy minesweeper with cannon and machine-gun fire."

Valley Racing Resumes To-morrow

(Continued from Page 6.)

ponies and the first prize is worth \$900 to the winner. I fancy Contact (Davis) on account of her fine mile gallop of last Tuesday morning and the chestnut covered the mile in 1.59½ with 30 seconds for the home stretch.

One thing is certain, however—the mare is not going to have an easy passage for both Criffel (Nedra) and Springhurst (For) are tuned to concert pitch and the finish of this event should be the best of the meeting.

After annexing a race in "C" company, Cheerful Star (D. Craven) is making her first appearance in a class of better runners and the chestnut will no doubt give a good account of herself.

Despite the fact that the champion jockey will be up, I have no confidence in Gloaming to get a place. Piccadilly Jim may or may not start, but the chestnut is, in my estimation, not going well.

Tweed Island Bay Handicap

Much Depends On Start In First Section

WONDERFUL SCHEME holds the post of honour in the Tweed Island Bay Handicap (first section) for "B" class China ponies, but the mare has not been on the course for the last few days.

In her absence, the stable companion Gay Star can be depended to carry the colours to victory, but a lot depends on the start. It is only a scramble for the 1¼ mile post and anything may happen. So Nice is nicely weighted with only 139 lb. to shoulder and the mare, I figure, will be a menace to all.

Avon, Eve of Heaven and Kentucky may show their trump card.

Second Section For Novices

ONE MAY EXPECT to see all the entrants accepting the Island Bay Handicap (second section) for "C" class China ponies and the race is to be ridden by novices over the mile course.

My fancy is Blue Diamond, Emergency and Eve of Peace, and they should finish in that order.

Gosford Handicap (Second Section)

LOOKING OVER the second section of the Gosford Handicap I found that Mr. Alves has assigned five Australian subscription ponies of this season to battle against seven old timers. On paper Derby Day should be safe over six furlongs, but the mare is getting no younger, and the progeny of Double Court is from 1935 class.

Can she last the distance? Cocklerol and Double Finesse are worth considering, but best is to back Twinkling Star.

The Koala Bear is a good outsider and so is Sydney Lady.

Try-out For Cesarewitch Candidates

NEW MARKET, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—Cesarewitch candidates had a try-out in the Clare Handicap here to-day, the race being won by Sir Hugo Cunliffe Owen's Versatim over the same two miles course which is being for the Cesarewitch on October 22.

Versatim started favourite at 2-1 and beat Sir Thomas Dixon's Owens-John, 4-1, by two lengths. Major Smith-Bingham's Paradise Club was third, 6-1, a length behind.

More Airmen Get Ready For Britain

SYDNEY, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—It is officially announced that the largest contingent of Royal Australian Air Force trainees to leave Australia since the outbreak of war has reached Canada.

They include detachments of trained pilots, observers, gunners, technicians and ground staff personnel for Britain and others who are to complete their training in Canada.

Thais Lean Towards Democracies

SINGAPORE, Sept. 25 (Central News).—An authoritative British commentator revealed upon his arrival here from Bangkok yesterday that the Thai authorities made an indirect request for aid to the British Minister at Bangkok some months ago. He said that the trend of the policy of Thailand is unmistakable, adding that "the Thais are anxious to be with the Democracies rather than with the Axis Powers."

The commentator further stated that economically the Japanese have failed in their efforts to sell goods to Thailand, as the Thais realize what the Japanese intentions towards them have been and they have no desire to fall into their trap.

Internment Camp Disturbance

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—The disturbance at Peel (Isle of Man) internment camp which followed the recapture of three men who had escaped is the subject of an official inquiry by the Home Office.

A statement issued to-day states that the inquiry is nearing completion and that it is already clear that some accounts of the incident were exaggerated.

There was much shouting and disorderly conduct but no assault was directed at any person and only two persons were slightly injured. The Home Secretary, however, takes a serious view of the disturbance and appropriate measures will be taken to prevent a recurrence of this state of affairs when the inquiry is completed.

DUTCH MINISTER TO CHINA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". CHUNGKING, Sept. 25 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the Chungking Government has accepted the appointment of Baron Van Breugel Douglas as Minister to China of the exiled Dutch Government in London. The former Dutch Minister to China, Mr. W. F. L. Graf Van Eylandt never assumed his post.

Singapore Conference

SINGAPORE, Sept. 25 (UP).—The British Minister to Thailand, Sir Imosin Crosby, arrived here from Bangkok to-day presumably to confer with Mr. Duff Cooper and Ambassador Sir Archibald Clark Kerr.

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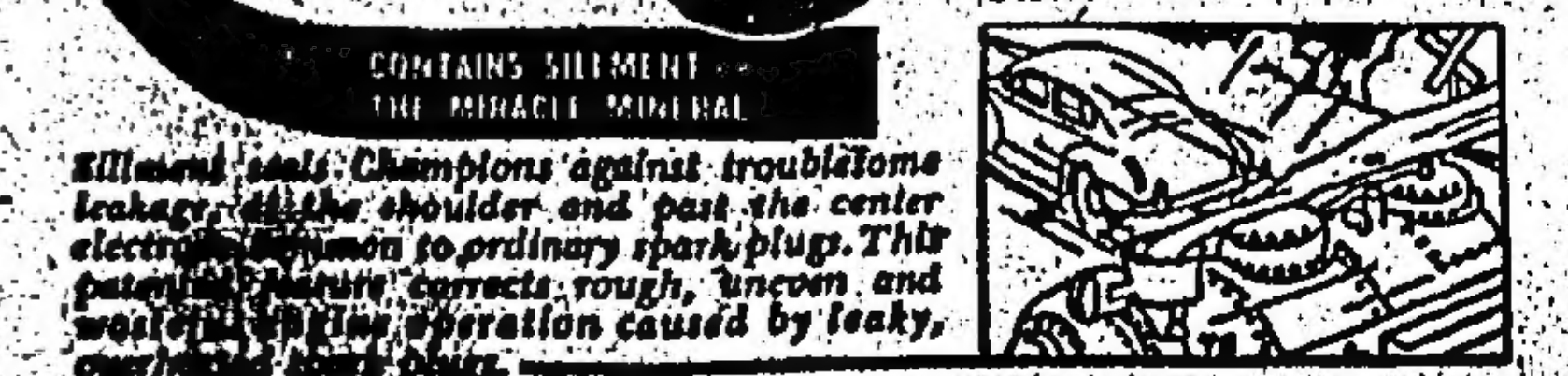
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In 1941 to meet the increasing needs of sick and destitute children in Hongkong, against which the income to date is \$12,000 only.
In order to continue its work, the Society appeals for the balance of \$12,000 before the close of the financial year on 31st October.

The number of children assisted last year was 6,100.
Hon. Treasurer—Mr. A. McKellar, C.A., c/o Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., P. & O. Buildings.
Mr. Kwok Chan, c/o The Bank of Indo-China, HONG KONG.
27th August, 1941.



"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Happy Valley Meetings Resume To-morrow

Some Interesting Times Noted At Early Morning Gallops

HAPPY VALLEY will again be the rendezvous of all the sporting celebrities to-morrow for the opening of the second half of the racing season. After a lapse of over three months, the resumption of the race meetings has been looked forward to with considerable interest.

Special Sweep

Punters are reminded that the third section of the Gosford Handicap over six furlongs will be the last event of the afternoon.

Attention of racing public is drawn to the fact that a dollar cash sweep will be held on the race, but "all through" numbers will not participate. Tickets can be purchased only at Race Course during the meeting.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Timings are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21202).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP, Acting Secretary, Hongkong, 22nd September, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING "GOSFORD HANDICAP"

Saturday, 27th September, 1941

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$1 each, will be held on this race but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

S. A. SLEAP, Acting Secretary, Hongkong, 20th September, 1941.

TIN HAT DAY

Saturday, Oct. 4, 1941

Entire Proceeds to Hongkong's Bomber Fund

Those desiring to send advance donations are requested to address them to the President, Lady MacGregor, 372, The Peak; or to the Honorary Secretary, Miss S. Baridar, Morning Post Building.

Entries On Generous Scale Indicate Full Fields

Racing fans, I am sure, have been patiently waiting for the resumption, but it is obviously not to be expected that all the candidates will be running up to their best form after a holiday in the pastures.

However, there were fireworks at Happy Valley last Saturday, and a few "dress rehearsal" gallops elevated the eye-brows of those early birds sitting on the rails.

The fields are likely to be up to full strength as entries have been on a generous scale. In view of the heavy nominations (to be precise, 34 in all) received for the Gosford Handicap for "C" class Australian ponies, the contest has been divided into three sections (instead of two) by order of the Stewards, and the additional race will, of course, give us a programme of 11 events.

Gosford H'cap History

IT may be of interest to know that the Gosford Handicap was inaugurated in the same year as the first batch of Australian ponies raced here in 1931.

The race was first run over a mile on April 18, when Evening Star (Harriman) carrying 162 lb. crossed the wire first with many lengths to spare.

In the following season Season Ticket (Reidy) annexed the "A" division with But After That (Frost) second, and both ponies carried 170 lb.

The weight did not seem to worry the winners for the former established a record for the run of 1 1/4 miles and Season Ticket covered the distance in two minutes 18 1/2 seconds.

In 1937 the Hongkong Jockey Club created a new division for Australian ponies and Brutus was the first pony to capture the "C" class event.

Since then the race has been confined to "C" class raters.

The following is a list of winners of the Gosford Handicap since its inception:

Pony	Jockey	Weight	Class	Distance	Time
1931 Evening Star	Harriman	162 lb.	"C"	1 Mile	1:50 1/2
1932 But After That	Frost	170	"A"	1 1/4 Miles	2:20 1/2
Season Ticket	Reidy	170	"A"	1 1/4 Miles	2:18 1/2
1933 The Griffe	Frost	167	"A"	1 1/4 Miles	1:51 1/2
1937 Brutus	Davis	150	"C"	1 1/4 Mile Post	1:00 1/2
1938 Violet Queen	Roydon	140	"C"	6 Furlongs	1:20 1/2
1939 Strathmore	H. C. Pih	142	"C"	1 Mile	1:48
1940 Brown Doris	Black	152	"C"	1 Mile	1:47 1/2
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It will be observed from the above that the race was not competed for from 1934 to 1936 inclusive.

Jockeys

AFTER a "forced absence" the owner-jockey, W. H. S. Davis, will be seen up on his own ponies with the inclusion of Mr and Mrs Stanton's string, while V. V. Needa will pilot a few of Mr Li Lan-sang's ponies.

The stable jockey, H. C. Pih, who was operated on for appendicitis, will not be seen in the saddle again until the Annual Carnival.

The return of G. R. Cheung does not require any comment, for his last ride in the Colony was a third on Talkative in the Gallowgate Handicap on December 2, 1939, and last Sunday he piloted Rising Star to victory in the Perth Handicap in Macao.

Permission has been granted to the following apprentices: R. Bluestone, Chan Chun-nam, Hong T. K. Li, Ng Cheung Fai, T. H. Tseng, and Wong Pan to ride in the novice events only.

Vaocluse Handicap

Easy For Colooma In First Section

THE VAUCLUSE HANDICAP (first section) for "B" class Australian ponies over a mile should be an easy race for Colooma after her "dress rehearsal" performance last Tuesday.

With D. Black in the saddle the combination was given a sharp spin over the mile course and the colt romped home with flying colours.

Stout opposition is bound to come from A Happy Time (D. Craven) and Connelley (H. S. Chang) but they will find the Hongkong-Bank Teapane's candidate a hard nut to crack.

Contact Well Fancied For Second Section

WE SHOULD SEE an interesting mile run in the second section of the Vaocluse Handicap for "B" class Australian ponies.

Port Phillip Stakes

Good Field Of Australian Milers

THE PORT PHILLIP STAKES for Australian pony griffins of this season should be quite an interesting event and one may expect to see a field of good milers.

Opening Event

THE OPENING EVENT will be the Island Bay Handicap (first section) for "C" class China ponies to be ridden by novices and the run is over a mile.

There is every possibility of seeing the owner (T. K. Li) up on Galveston Bay, for the bay is certainly a better racer than the stablemate Odeon. However, the nomination has never faced the tape before and I am afraid that Mr Li will not be able to hold the pony.

Blue Field with the owner S. W. Lee is almost a certainty, and it will be hard to beat the combination.

The most dangerous is Red Feather and it looks that Thirty Six is not yet ready.

Weight	Class	Distance	Time
162 lb.	"C"	1 Mile	1:50 1/2
170	"B"	1 1/4 Miles	2:20 1/2
170	"A"	1 1/4 Miles	2:18 1/2
167	"A"	1 1/4 Miles	1:51 1/2
150	"C"	1 1/4 Mile Post	1:00 1/2
140	"C"	6 Furlongs	1:20 1/2
142	"C"	1 Mile	1:48
152	"C"	1 Mile	1:47 1/2
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Cricket League

New Times For Drawing Stumps

Navy, Army And H.K.C.C. Back In Competition

NEW TIMES for drawing stumps for the coming cricket League season, in view of the daylight saving, was decided at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket League yesterday, Mr H. R. B. Hancock was re-elected President, with Mr F. Goodwin vice-President, and Mr A. H. Madar Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Following the Committee's report it was decided that the drawing of the stumps would be put back half an hour in view of the daylight saving.

For October the time would be advanced from 6.15 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.; for November from 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.; for December, from 5.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.; for January, from 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.; for February, from 6.15 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.; and for April, from 6.15 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.

The matches would commence at 1.45 p.m. in January and February and in the other months at 2 p.m.

The meeting concluded with a decision to donating \$50 to the Children's Playground Fund.

Army And Navy Competing

WELCOME RETURN to the League is the Army and Navy under the leadership of Lt. T. A. Pearce, Interporter. It is announced that they will be entering two teams for the competition.

Add there there will also be a team from Navy. With the Services showing the way, yet a third has returned to the fold. The Hongkong C.C. are entering a team in the First Division.

Colony Half-mile Aquatic Record Broken

Twenty-five Nominations For Aussies Autumn Plate

THE AUSTRALIAN Subscription Ponies Autumn Plate has attracted no less than 25 nominations, but I have seen much bigger entries before only to be disappointed in the end with a small field.

I have reason to believe that the distance run over the course of 1 1/4 miles.

The strain is too severe a run after a summer rest.

However, the result of Point Nepean Handicap (1 1/4 Miles) run on June 2, would be a useful guide for one to get a line. The finish was King's Flight (151 lb.) Happy Returns (146 lb.) and Jus Gentium (152 lb.), and the first pony won by one and a half lengths with two lengths separating the second and the third.

On the strength of that running King's Flight is certainly a few pounds better racer than Happy Returns and Jus Gentium, whereas tomorrow the chairman's candidate has a pull in the weights on account of less amount of stakes won.

But how good will King's Flight be again? Amulet Star, Araxy II, Bendigo, Corsair, Lex Fori, Vitamin M, and Wayworth.

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Chan Chun-nam Clips Fraction Off Last Year's Time

(By "Tinker")

PRESSED almost all the way by his youthful colleagues, Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping, Chan Chun-nam, long distance champion of both Hongkong and Lai Tsun, set a new time for the men's half-mile free-style in the first day's events of the Colony swimming championships at the V.R.C. last night, clocking 11 mins 15 secs, taking 3/5 sec off his last year's record.

This was the only race that provided anything like a close finish, for it was only over the last two lengths that Chan forged into his winning lead, being content until then to maintain an even yard ahead of the others.

It was anticipated that Miss V. Churn would win the 220 yards free-style for women, but it being a new event, and with favourable reports on several of the other swimmers, there was nothing very definite about it until the race was in progress.

Once in the water, however, Miss Churn showed a fine measured tempo in her stroke that before the race was half over had put her into a commanding lead.

Well Judged

W. Lawrence swam an excellently judged race to win the 220 yards back-stroke, Lau Yiu-ling (Lai Tsun) set off at a great pace, but could not inveigle the others into following.

A. K. Rumjahn kept his eyes on Lawrence, and endeavoured to match him length by length, but could only manage second place.

For three of the four lengths in the women's 100 yards breast-stroke championship, Miss Ko Miu-ling kept up very well with Miss Li Po-luen, and until then the race had had the earmarks of a close finish.

But over the last lap, Miss Li moved slowly ahead until she finally won by about two yards.

Strenuous Race

THE MOST STRENUOUS race of the evening was the men's 150 yards individual medley race. Ng Nin took first place, and though he won by yards and yards, he took off before the word "go" which gave him at least one of those yards to start on.

There were only two competitors, the other being Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun), and the strain of covering the last 50 yards free-style after employing the "butterfly" stroke over the breast-stroke lap must have been something terrific.

The Half-mile

THE HALF-MILE was the race of the evening, and as one spectator remarked was one of the best races for that distance ever seen in the V.R.C. pool.

Up and down the Lai Tsun trio swept (they were the only entrants); Chan in the van with Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping just about a yard behind, and they maintained this order for almost 30 lengths.

Steadily Chan drew ahead after that mark, and won comfortably, but in record time.

Though Lau Tai-ping was a shade ahead of his fellow-competitor, Yau, at that same period, it was not a great surprise that the latter came through to take second place. His spurt over the last few lengths was very fine.

Over a shorter distance the possibilities of Lau beating Yau would have been more feasible. Colony record for the 440 yards is 5 mins 25.0 secs, and it is an indication of the speed of this half-mile that Chan covered the quarter-mile in 5 mins 28 seconds (roughly).

V.R.C. Members' events were also swum off and were interspersed with championship events. The programme of the championship will be held in the V.R.C. pool to-morrow night commencing at 9.07 p.m.

Results were:

Colony Championships

Men's 220 yards free-style—1. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun), 11 mins 15 secs (Colony record); 2. Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsun), 11 mins 18 secs; 3. Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun), 11 mins 18.5 secs. Previous record was 11 mins 18.0, set by Chan Chun-nam in 1940.

Women's 100 yards breast-stroke—1. Miss Li Po-luen (University), 6:44 secs; 2. Miss Ko Miu-ling (Lai Tsun), 6:50 secs; 3. Miss Ho Wai-ming (South China), 6:52 secs. Colony record—Miss Li Po-luen, 6:38 secs, 1940.

Men's 220 yards back-stroke—1. W. Lawrence (V.R.C.), 3 mins 53.5 secs; 2. A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.), 3 mins 54 secs; 3. Poon Wing-king (Lai Tsun), 3 mins 54.5 secs.

Women's 100 yards free-style—1. Miss V. Churn (University), 2 mins 13.5 secs; 2. Miss C. Gutierrez (V.R.C.), 3 mins 12.5 secs; 3. Miss Ho Wai-ming (C.B.C.), 3 mins 14 secs.

Men's 150 yards individual medley—1. Ng Nin (Sing Tao), 2 mins 50.5 secs; 2. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun), 3 mins 23.5 secs.

V.R.C. Events

Junior Members' 50 yards breast-stroke championship—1. J. A. Marques, 33 secs; 2. A. Alves, 34 secs; 3. L. Viera, 34.5 secs.

Boys' 50 yards free-style handicap—1. L. Sequeira, 38.5 secs; 2. M. Noronha, 39 secs; 3. J. Carvalho, 39.5 secs.

Members' 100 yards free-style handicap—1. H. Silva, 73.5 secs; 2. L. Sequeira, 73.5 secs.

Junior Women's 50 yards free-style championship—1. Miss M. Noronha, 35 secs; 2. Miss T. Yvanovich, 35.5 secs.

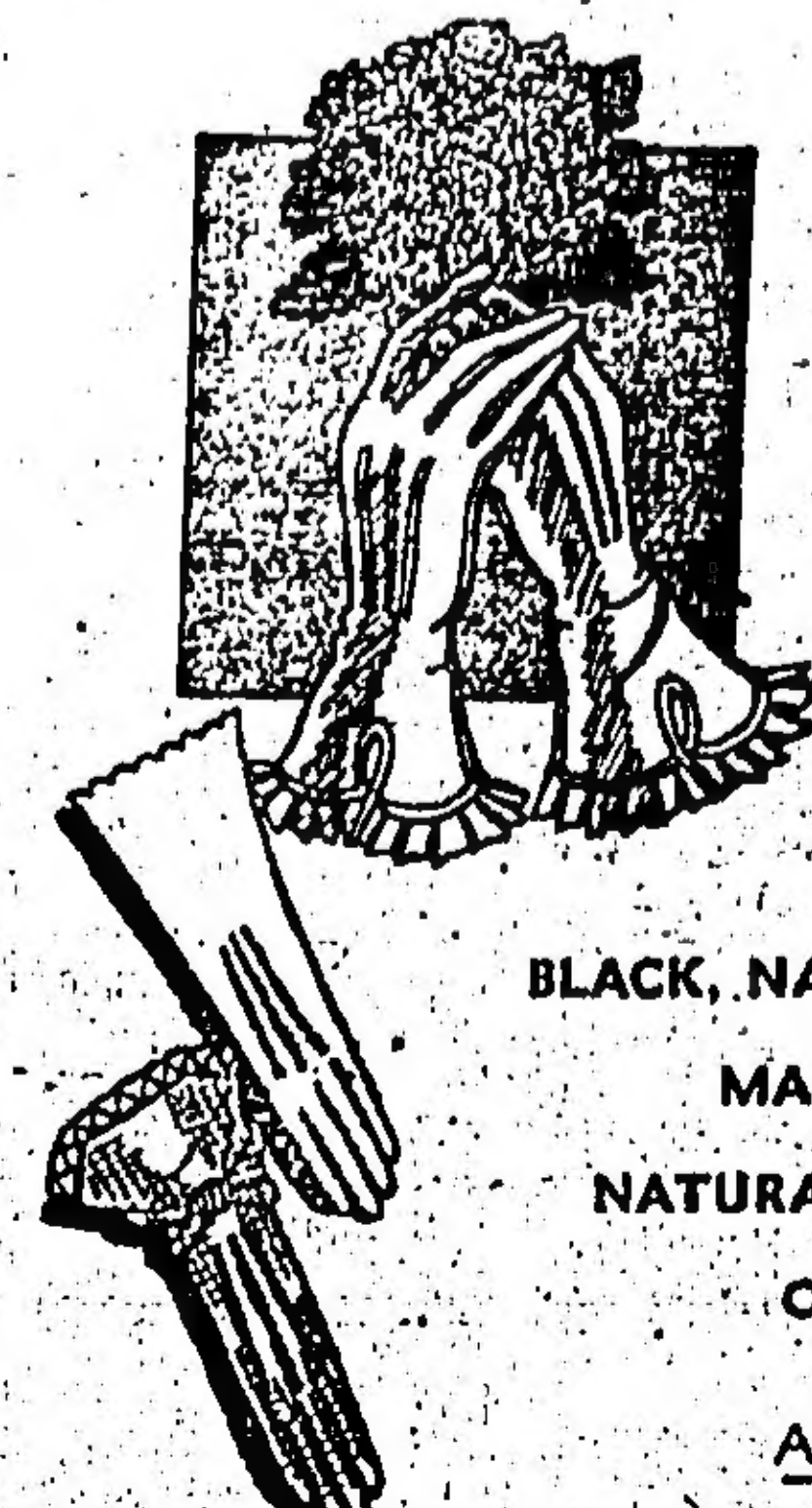
Junior Members' 50 yards back-stroke championship—1. H. Royle, 43.5 secs; 2. E. D. da Costa, 43.4 secs; 3. G. Saunders, 44 secs.

Boys' 75 yards individual medley handicap—1. G. Royle, 59.2 secs; 2. J. Roza-Pereira, 57.2 secs; 3. J. Gomes, 54.4 secs.

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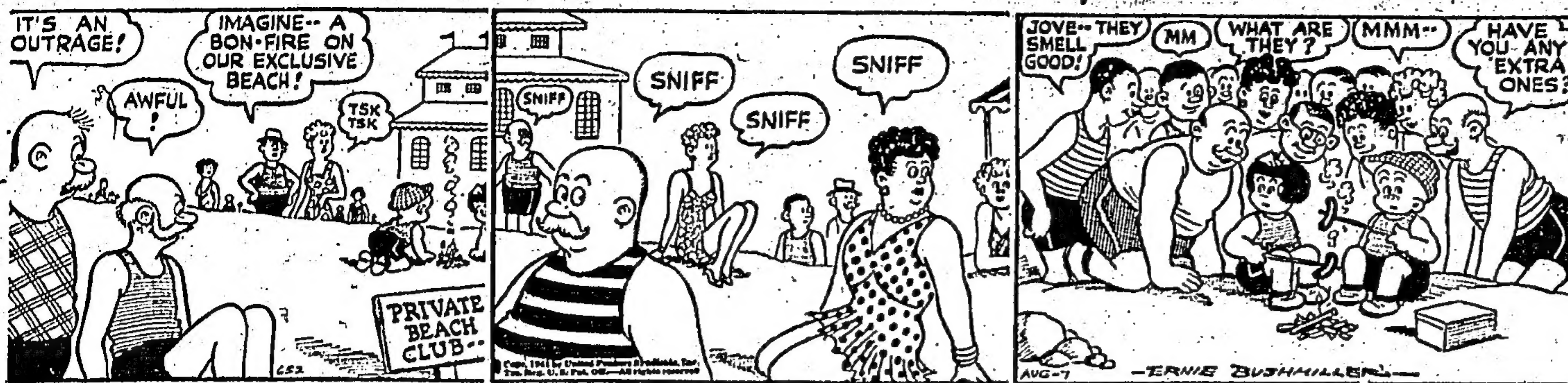
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By Ernie Bushmiller



Underground Panic Throughout Germany, Travellers Report

LONDON.—The Russian war has produced an underground panic throughout Germany, according to indications in statements by neutral travellers just out of the Reich. The number of people in Germany who listen in to foreign broadcasts, despite the savage penalties inflicted in the event of discovery, has increased by hundreds of thousands, these travellers state.

The Moscow Radio, with its effective appeal to the widows of German soldiers who have fallen on the Western Front, is declared especially responsible for this.

order to provide money for the soaring costs of war.

German employees and workmen remember painfully unfulfilled promises in the financial field made by the Nazi leaders, it is stated.

People's Car

Particularly painful is the memory of the scheme of the "people's automobile." Under this scheme millions were induced to subscribe five marks a week for a mass-produced small automobile that was only to go into production and be delivered when subscriptions had supplied the capital necessary for a factory.

When the war came, production plans were suspended but subscriptions had to continue.

The changed attitude of the German workmen is indicated by the surrender. Nazi authorities have made over one of the most cherished Nazi economic principles—that of stable, unchanging wages.

At the beginning of this war all overtime earnings were compulsorily retained by the State to be made available after the war; but now, as a result of the unrest and dissatisfaction, all workmen draw overtime pay in full and it is tax free.

Rumours Rife

German investors' attempts to hold down share prices are not proving very successful, it is indicated, the underlying pressure that comes from a growing apprehensiveness about the future of German currency and German prospects in general being too strong. Rumours are rife throughout Germany that the Nazi government will seize all savings in



CASHIERED—Capt. Sir Herbert Paul Latham, former M.P., has been found guilty by court martial on 11 charges under the Army Act and sentenced to be cashiered and imprisoned for two years.

Associated Pictures Corp. Will Remain British

In the only interview she has ever given to a newspaper, Mrs John Maxwell, 50 per cent. shareholder in an £18,000,000 British film corporation, recently said that she had no intention of permitting American interests to gain control of the film.

Mrs Maxwell is widow of the late Mr John Maxwell, former chairman of Associated British Pictures Corporation, with its 460 cinemas, and its studios at Elstree and Welwyn.

There has always been strong bidding by American interests for control of the company, but Mr Maxwell resisted it in his lifetime, and his widow is equally determined to keep control in British hands.

Against her will (for she does not consider herself a business woman), she has become the centre of one of the biggest financial battles in the recent history of the film industry.

Start Up Again.

Mrs Maxwell has a majority interest in the ordinary shares of Associated British. That interest is now worth about £2,000,000.

Half of it has been the subject of negotiation between herself and the British company of Warner Bros., Ltd., whose parent company is American.

Negotiations have been going on since Mr Maxwell's death, and Mr R. G. Simpson, of Edinburgh, has become chairman of the corporation.

Mrs Maxwell, a quiet Scotswoman, living in Surrey, said she will take no active interest in the management of the firm, whatever the result of the present negotiations. But she still has a personal interest in its future, especially that of the studios.

"I would like to see the studios at Elstree started again," she said "with well-made pictures and first-class stars."

"I feel there was never a better time to make pictures than now, when every one is so proud of this country."

He "Retired"

"They say I was always the one who advised my husband in business, but you know, all I did was to go to trade shows and to studios with him and occasionally talk over scripts. He was a great reader of film stories."

Mrs Maxwell disclosed that when her husband first came to London 13 years ago he came "to retire."

Instead, he built up the most powerful film combine in Britain. Though it controls nearly 600 cinemas, there is no Associated British theatre where Mrs Maxwell lives in the country.

When she goes to the pictures, she has to visit a rival theatre four miles away.

Erupting Volcano Drives Women From New Guinea

Suffocating pumice dust from the erupting volcano of Matupi, three miles away from Rabaul, New Guinea, is making life intolerable and, as a result, many white women are going back to Australia, or to outlying districts.

Matupi has been erupting since June 6. During this time there have been an average of 50 to 60 earth tremors a day.

Although scientists say the volcano is no real danger to the town, the Administration has prepared evacuation plans, and has organised a camp at Anvult four miles away.

Rabaul, shut in by jungle-covered mountains, has only two narrow roads leading out of it.

In 1937 volcanic eruptions made roads impassable, and people had to be evacuated by sea.

In these eruptions, more than 500 natives and two Europeans lost their lives.

The Assistant New Guinea Volcanist, Mr C. L. Knight, says that any big eruption of Matupi would give enough warning for Rabaul to be evacuated safely.

He says there is no possibility of an eruption under the town itself.

No Severe Shocks

Along the wind track from the mountain to the town sulphuric gases have burnt a broad belt of tropical vegetation into dry grass and skeleton trees.

Few of the earth tremors in the past few weeks have been severe enough to be felt in Rabaul, but some have shaken buildings.

Experts say that a tremor felt on January 14 would have levelled the

town to the ground if its buildings had been of brick and stone instead of wood.

The Minister for External Territories, Mr McDonald, arrived in Rabaul from Sydney, and had his first view of the city from the plane through a cloud of smoke and steam rising above Matupi.

Dust Damages Planes

The plane had to stop overnight at Salamoa, because the pumice dust affects the engine if the machine is left at Rabaul aerodrome all night.

This overnight stop at Salamoa has been made every week since Matupi began erupting.

The plane drops passengers from the south at Salamoa after a 2½-hour hop from Rabaul. It picks up southbound passengers and mail without waiting at Rabaul longer than is necessary.

Soon after his arrival Mr McDonald was taken by the Administrator, Sir Walter McNicoll, to the Matupi crater.

Mr McDonald climbed half a mile up a steep slope over the grey ash of the barren, smoking mountain.

Great black rocks, newly split, had gashed holes in the dirt.

Around the base of the mountain steam rose from the porous earth, and from between the rocks, in hot swirls.



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Neutrality Repeal Message Expected

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ferring to the Administration's failure to invoke it in the Sino-Japanese conflict. "By retaining the law, we indirectly are consenting to Germany's claim that she controls part of the Atlantic," he declared.

Empty Statute
WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—In the House of Representatives, Mr. Roy Woodruff (Michigan) declared that the "President was going to give Congress an opportunity to agree with the President that the Act should be repealed." Mr. Woodruff added: "The Neutrality Statute which the Government do not intend to enforce. Every informed member of Congress and every informed observer in Washington knows that President Roosevelt has not left a vestige of the Neutrality Act unviolated in spirit if not in letter."

Ragged Remnant
"Judging by President Roosevelt's past performance, it would matter little to him whether Congress did or did not modify or repeal the ragged remnants of the Act because President Roosevelt himself in effect repeals, modifies and amends statutes to suit himself when he feels that the occasion requires it."

A Dead Act
"The American people ought to understand and most of them probably do understand that when the President issued in a world-wide broadcast his famous order to the Navy to shoot on sight any German or Italian submarine, surface raider or aircraft, he himself shot the death knell of the Neutrality Act right through the vitals and it has been, of course, as dead as the dodo since."

Gallup Poll Approves
NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Fifty-six per cent. of Americans approve in general "for having the United States shoot German submarines on sight," according to the latest Gallup poll. Thirty-four per cent. disapproved and ten per cent. were indefinite.

The survey was made approximately a week after President Roosevelt's broadcast on the protection of convoys.

Japan's Fascist Leader For A Bolder Policy

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States unless Japan surrenders. "If Japan submits to the United States, she will be destroyed. The Japanese people will not tolerate this."

Japan's Sacrifices
He asserted that Japanese sacrifices in establishing Manchukuo and during the Sino-Japanese hostilities were "too great to enable her to return to her 1925 status under the Nine Power pact such as Mr. Hull is demanding because these sacrifices would thereby be nullified."

Pacific Relations
NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (UP).—Mr. Mark Shaw of Boston and Mr. O. K. Armstrong of Springfield, Mo., announced to-day that they are organizing a committee on Pacific relations to strengthen the ties between the United States and Japan and also to urge mediation in the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Mr. Shaw who was a former Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Japan will be Chairman, while Mr. Armstrong, a writer, will be secretary. The latter said that he is sponsoring a Pacific relations conference in Washington next October.

Requisitioning Of Property Bill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (UP).—The Senate by a voice vote to-day approved the conference committee report on the Administration's Property Requisitioning Bill which will be effective until July 1, 1943. It now goes to the House for final concurrence.

Australian Budget

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CANBERRA, Sept. 25 (UP).—The Premier, Mr. A. W. Fadden, to-day introduced a budget equivalent to \$800,000,000 which includes war expenditures of \$651,000,000 plus a compulsory loan plan.

Under the programme, a "national contributions" system is applicable to all income as for example, an individual receiving \$450 per annum without dependents will pay \$33 whereas the \$1,000 class will pay \$285 and the \$120,000 class will pay \$104,388.

Scientists' Task After The War

Mr Eden's Address To British Association

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—"We had to call on you to help us in the cause for which we are fighting. We shall need you even more for the peace which we will be working in," said Mr Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, to-day, welcoming to the British Council lunch in London delegates to the British Association meeting on Science and order which is opening to-morrow.

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LATE NEWS

Success Of R.A.F. Raids Over France

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Blenheims with a fighter escort and received high explosives just where they were most effective. Several direct hits were scored at the point where the railway trucks converge to a bottleneck.

The large engine shed and rolling stock were also hit. Much damage was also done on Saturday to shipyards of Ateliers et Chantiers de Normandie on the banks of the Seine at Grandqueville. Bombs fell on the workshop forming the east and south boundaries of the shipyard. Other bombs burst on and near the oil tanks some of which were wrecked in earlier attacks on these shipyards.

On this busy Saturday Blenheims also vigorously attacked Cherbourg docks. One stick of bombs burst on the submarine shelters others bursting among harbour craft.

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LATE NEWS

U. S. Ship's Special Trip To Shanghai

A report in the Chinese press that an American ship in port is to proceed to Shanghai on a special trip is confirmed here. No passengers are being carried. It is stated the trip is merely to pick up cargo in Shanghai.

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RUMANIANS ROUTED AT ODESSA: MAGNIFICENT RECOVERY BY SOVIETS

MOSCOW, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—The position of the Odessa garrison has been greatly improved by an action in which the 13th and 15th Rumanian Infantry divisions were routed for the second time.

These troops, after an earlier mauling at the hands of the Russians, were reformed and flung against the defences in an effort on which their commanders had evidently pinned high hopes, says the "Red Star" to-day.

Guns And Tanks In Plenty For U.S., British & Soviet Armies

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (UP).—The Administration is expected soon to ask Congress for three billion dollars for huge stocks of tanks and a new type of military-purpose gun for the Russian, British and American armies—almost tripling the previous War Department supplemental request for ordnance and tanks.

Authoritative quarters said that the factors responsible are, firstly, the valiant resistance of the Soviet army; secondly, the possibility of a British offensive in the Middle East soon; thirdly, the decision of the United States army to increase its mechanised equipment and gun power.

The new gun now in mass production is 105 mm. which can be employed against sub-structure bombers or as ordinary ground artillery.

Australia's Anti-Tank Guns

SYDNEY, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Australian-made anti-tank guns are now rolling off the assembly line at a faster rate than yet attained in the United States, says a "Morning Herald" special writer after a visit to a great South Australian ordnance factory.

The first Australian anti-tank gun was produced in April. Now manufacture is speeded up so rapidly that the full scheduled output is reached.

This main factory with 50 component manufacturing shops was erected in three months, the war-time ordnance organisation bearing comparison with the most efficient factories of Britain and Germany.

Many anti-tank guns have already been shipped to equip members of the Australian forces overseas.

Success Of R.A.F. Raids Over France Reviewed

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—New evidence proving the success of the R.A.F.'s recent daylight offensives has been secured by reconnaissance, states the Air Ministry news service. Sunday's attack on the electric power station and chemical works at Gosnay near Bethune was conspicuously successful.

A strong force of British fighters kept the Messerschmitts away enabling the Blenheim bombers to make steady bombing runs over the great area of the works, and almost at leisure to direct their missiles at the most important and vulnerable parts.

The power station's southwest boiler-house received one and possibly two direct hits while the northeast boiler-house was also hit.

Other bombs burst on the railway trucks. Several more fell along the southwest edge of the dynamo-house and the coal-washing plant. The coal conveyor and workshops were hit again and again. The chemical works received at least six direct hits while other bombs burst on the oil pipeline.

Finally incendiaries fell right among the oil tanks where they were likely to do as much harm as anywhere in the plant.

At Hazebrouck
Hazebrouck's important railway yard was bombed last Saturday by TURN to Page 2, Column Two

After a whole day of fighting, the Rumanians broke through the Soviet lines at the cost of several hundred dead. Undismayed, the Russians re-grouped their forces, attacked the flank of the Rumanian troops and isolated them from the main army before the breach could be exploited.

When on the other flank a surprise attack was made with the aid of Soviet naval units landed from the sea, the Rumanians broke and fled.

Blow For War-Time Profiteers

Corporation Profits To Be Limited In U. S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (UP).—At a press conference to-day, the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr Henry Morgenthau, asserted that the profit motive must be eliminated from the defence programme.

He stated that Treasury experts have started drafting a bill under which corporation profits would be limited to six per cent for the duration of the emergency. He also announced the six per cent profit idea yesterday because the "complacency of this country called for something like this from me."

The proposal would curb the inflationary trend; moreover, it would mean that all business would contribute to the defence programme. He was of the opinion that "big business is as patriotic as anyone and I think that they will co-operate."

Not To Be Repeated
He declared that there was no reason why some individuals and corporations should be allowed to make large profits when hundreds of thousands are serving in the armed forces for a dollar a day, and other sections of the population are making sacrifices. He recalled that during the world war, "many people stayed home and made much money."

He concluded by saying that he would endeavour to draft an equitable law, "however somebody has got to be hurt. We cannot live as we have been. We cannot continue TURN to Page 2, Column Three

"As a result," the "Red Star" concludes, "the defence line of Odessa is pushed forward a considerable distance."

R.A.F. Fighter Escort
LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—R.A.F. fighters recently escorted Russian aircraft in several bombing operations, it is learned authoritatively in London. No fighter opposition was encountered.

War Fronts Summarised
WAR COMMENTARY BY "ANNALIST"

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Although both sides speak of heavy fighting at Leningrad and Odessa, at neither of these bastions of Soviet resistance do the Germans appear to have made any headway.

The Germans now assert that the reduction of Leningrad is a matter of two or three days, but they make similar claims on previous occasions probably with as much justification. Certainly there is no sign of any weakening of confidence in the tone of the Russian communiques and independent news messages from Leningrad. The population men and women, seem animated with an unbreakable spirit that has more than matched the ruthless ardour of the Nazi assailants.

In The South
In the south reports have reached London suggesting that the Germans are launching a fairly heavy offensive against the Crimea. Four divisions are reported to have been allotted this task, that is about 70,000 men, but if the Russian defence is on the scale of other parts of the front, the Germans will find them none too many.

Strong defence lines on the Isthmus, sailors of the Sebastopol naval base who are known to be tough fighting men, and aircraft from the naval and air base in the Crimea will all contribute to the defence.

If the Germans use paratroopers and air-borne troops as in Crete, they must face the fact that the defenders of the Crimea are more numerous than those of Crete, even TURN to Back Page, Column 3

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

Did Good Job Of Work

This cheery picture is of special interest to Hongkong, for it shows happy members of the crew of the Dorsetshire, one time stationed here, returning to port after taking part in the sinking of the Bismarck. The empty torpedo tubes testify to the work carried out by the Dorsetshire.



Japan's Leader For A Foreign Policy

Fascist Calls Bolder Policy

TOKYO, Sept. 25 (UP).—Mr Selgo Nakano, leader of the Fascist "Tohokai" organisation, in an exclusive interview with the "United Press" to-day, said that the Japanese people demand a firmer foreign policy. He did not believe that the United States and Britain would fight Japan over the East Indies but that if they did, Japan was fully prepared.

He disclosed that he would comply with the Government ban against unofficial ceremonies in observing the anniversary of the signing of the tripartite pact next Saturday; however, he declared that immediately thereafter he would hold Tohokai blueshirt rallies throughout Japan.

Pictures of Dictators
Nakano's headquarters was the scene of very busy activities. The waiting room is decorated with large photographs of Hitler, Mussolini and Takamori Saito who is the Meiji restoration hero, while Nakano's private office is simply furnished. German circles refer to Nakano as the Japanese Hitler who is at present undergoing experiences similar to Hitler during the Weimar Republic in Germany.

Speaking in a fiery voice which characterises his public addresses, Nakano said that realistically, Prince Konoye would be unable to reach a rapprochement with the United TURN to Page 2, Column Five

Controller of Stores Gives Evidence at A.R.P. Inquiry

Mr William John Anderson, Controller of Stores, was a witness this morning at the resumed inquiry into matters affecting the architectural office of the Air Raid Precautions Department. Mr Anderson spoke about the system of Government tenders coming before the Tender Board, and declared that he knew of instances where A.R.P. tenders had been approved without coming before the Board. When asked if the Government could override the Board's decisions, Mr Anderson said he did know what to say.

Neutrality Repeal Message Expected

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt in his message to Congress next week may go much further than a request for repeal of the Neutrality Act.

The final decision on this matter has not been reached as the State Department's legal advisers are still engaged on a comprehensive study of the Act which will provide the President and Mr Cordell Hull with the necessary information for recommendations to Congress.

Senator Robert A. Taft, the Isolationist Republican and son of the former President, says that repeal "would be equivalent to a declaration of war."

Any change in the Act, he declared, should be coupled with the question of sending ships into the combat zones. He added that Senators opposing the Administration's foreign policy will meet next week to decide on their strategy.

Free French Cabinet Announced

10 National Commissioners
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Sept. 25 (UP).—The new Free French National Committee which the *de facto* Free French Government has announced, will have General De Gaulle as President with ten National Commissioners.

These are Maurice de Jean, Foreign Affairs; General Paul Louis Legentilhomme, War; Vice Admiral Emile Henri Mueselier, Navy and Mercantile Marine; Rene Reynaud, Economy, Finance and Colonies; Rene Cassin, Justice and Public Education; Andre Diethelm, Interior, Labour and Information; Air Commander George Thierry d'Argenlieu, National Commissioner without Department; M. Hatzel has been named Director of Labour and M. Althand, Director of Economic Affairs.

M. Ploven is also charged with the co-ordination of affairs among the Civil Commissioners. General de Gaulle said that the Committee will direct the policy of administering Free France.

50 Axis Ships Sunk

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—The Soviet Fleet Air Arm has sunk 50 German ships in the Baltic since the beginning of the war, according to the Moscow radio, to-night.

The Commission comprises His Honour Mr P. E. F. Cressall (Chairman), Mr S. Hampden Ross, Mr L. C. F. Bellamy and Mr K. M. A. Barnett. Mr G. G. N. Tinson represented Wing-Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, and Mr D. H. Blake was for Kin Lee and Company, contractors for the building of A. R. P. tunnels in Kowloon.

The first witness was Li Man-shing, proprietor of Lee Man Shing Sub-Contractors, who had given evidence at the previous hearing. Witness produced a number of documents in connection with his account with the Bank of East Asia, payment to his workers and a list of charges of A.R.P. tunnelling work.

The Chairman: You were asked to produce your monthly statements of account from the Bank of East Asia from the time you started the account up to date. You have only produced those for July and August, 1941.

Statement Lost
Witness: I opened that account at the end of June. I have lost the statement for June.

So the position is: You had a savings account before that—Yes. According to the Bank's statement TURN to Back Page, Column 4

Nazis Admit Serious Serbian Uprisings

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Sept. 25 (UP).—Nazi sources to-day said that two battalions of German troops have been sent to aid the Serbian troops in fighting the Chetnik uprisings near Sarajevo.

One spokesman did not estimate the number of Chetniks involved but charged that the unrest was "whipped up by Moscow radio."

An official news agency dispatch from Belgrade attributed the outbreak to "Communist gangs." Another spokesman said that the Chetniks are operating principally at Sarajevo where Crown Prince Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary was assassinated on the eve of the 1914 conflict. Guerrillas are also active along the Sava River and at scattered Bosnian and Croatian points. He asserted that the reports that Italy had been forced to send one division of troops to aid in quelling the outbreaks were "exaggerated."

Budapest reports estimated that 14,000 Jugo-Slavin guerrillas are fighting against the Nazis and Serbs. The major outbreak following widespread sabotage and guerrilla fighting. The Chetniks are a Jugo-Slav patriotic organisation. An Italian division is around 15,000 men while two German battalions would be around 2,000.

STRIKE PICKETS FOOLED Smart Move By Steam Laundry Manager

Steam Laundry Company workers who are on strike were fooled this morning when they picketed roads leading from the workers' quarters to the laundry in an attempt to prevent the laundrymen from returning to work. The Company's manager last evening had the women taken home in lorries and collected again this morning, the pickets looking on helplessly as the lorries rolled into the laundry compound.

Most of the male workers who decided against striking remained at the laundry last night, but a few returned to their homes. There they were visited by strikers and this morning these men failed to return to work. It is believed they were intimidated against continuing to work.

30 New Hands Engaged
The Steam Laundry has engaged 30 new hands and is therefore able to continue to operate, although it still has only a skeleton staff.

The strikers yesterday failed to apply for their wages at the Company's offices, and the money is now being handed over to the Labour Officer, from whom the strikers must collect if they desire their wages due to them up to the time they downed tools.

Strikers are picketing outside of the works to-day, but are doing it quietly and no disturbances have taken place.

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- The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
- All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
- No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.
- All entries to be either black and white, or tinted pictures, and must be mounted on coloured photographs are ineligible.
- Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be of only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes:—10x12, 10x10, 10x8.
- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
- At the conclusion of the Competition, entries will be returned to competitors on the day.
- The use of aliases is strictly forbidden.

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Please use block letters and paste one of these forms on back of each entry.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 29th day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shek Shan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet.	Approx. Area in sq. feet.	Approx. Price
1	Shek Shan, Inland Lot No. 624.	as per plan.	27,800	27,800	\$2,150

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$2,350.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 29th day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung Gap Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet.	Approx. Area in sq. feet.	Approx. Price
2	Wong Nei Chung Gap Road.	as per plan.	12,500	12,500	\$1,250

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$450.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

Success Of R.A.F. Raids Over France

FROM PAGE ONE

Blenheim with a fighter escort and received high explosives just where they were most effective. Several direct hits were scored at the point where the railway trucks converge to a bottleneck.

The large engine-shed and rolling stock were also hit. Much damage was also done on Saturday to shipyards of Ateliers et Chantiers de Normandie on the banks of the Seine at Grandqueville. Bombs fell on the workshop forming the east and south boundaries of the shipyard. Other bombs burst on and near the oil tanks some of which were wrecked in earlier attacks on these shipyards.

On this busy Saturday Blenheim also vigorously attacked Cherbourg docks. One stick of bombs burst on the submarine shelters, others bursting among harbour craft.

Apart from these attacks on targets which have become essential parts of the German war machine, bombers also made daylight raids during this busy week-end over the Norwegian, German and Dutch coasts.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2%
Demand London	1/2%
T.T. Shanghai	460
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
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T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	49 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	148
T.T. Saigon	100
T.T. France	107
T.T. Switzerland	107
T.T. Australia	10 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	1 1/4
4 m/s L/C France	25 1/4
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,485 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	77 n.
Chartered Banks (H.K.)	85 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	11 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C.	23 1/2 n.
East Asia	70 n.

INSURANCES

Canal Ins.	240 b.
Union Ins.	442 1/2 n.
China Underwriters	1 p.
H.K. Fire Ins.	187 1/2 n.

SHIPPING

Douglas	120 n.
Steamboats	11.80 b.
Indo-China P.	50 n.
Indo-China D.	70 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	55 1/2 n.
Waterboats	0.55 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	99 s.
Docks	10 1/2 n.
Provident	7 1/2 n.
Shal Dockyards	39 1/4 n.

MINING

Kailan s/-	15 1/6 n.
Raubus	7 1/4 n.
H.K. Mines	2 cts n.

LANDS

Hotels	430 s.
Land	37 s.
Land 4 1/2	97 1/4 n.
Shal Lands Sh.	24 n.
Humphreys	8 b.
H.K. Realities	3.05 b.
H.K. Estates	101 b.

UTILITIES

Peak Trams (old)	7 n.
Peak Trams (new)	7 n.
Star Ferries	51 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries	24 b.
China Lights (old)	7.15 b.
China Lights (new)	2.35 b.
H.K. Electric (old) x/rs	2.24 s.
H.K. Electric (new)	23 1/4 n.
H.K. Electric Rts	13 1/2 n.
Mineco Electric	13 n.
Sandakan Lights	13.10 n.
Telephones (old)	25 b.
Telephones (new)	9.30 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald: Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. 45 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. 35 n.
Cantor: Lees	1 n.
Cements	17.10 n.
H.K. Ropes	10 1/2 n.

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Dairy Farms	19 1/2 n.
Watsons	13 1/4 n.
Lane Crawfords	0.40 b.
Sinceres	2 1/4 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	30 n.
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H.K. Govt 3 1/2 (1940)	98 n.
Ch. Govt 5 1/2 1925 G.Bds.	6.00 b.
Entertainments	1.00 b.
Constructions (old)	1 1/4 b.
Constructions (new)	80 cts n.
Vibro Piling	7.20 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)	s/- 7 1/8 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	s/- 1 1/8 n.

Blow For War-Time Profiteers

FROM PAGE ONE

to live the way we have and still be the Arsenal of Democracy. Business as usual should be out of the window, but it's not out yet."

Market's Reaction

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—A recommendation by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the War Relocation Authority, that all profits should be limited to six per cent, during the present emergency caused to-day one of the sharpest stock market breaks since April.

Steels, motors, aircraft and other industrial specialties were among the first to tumble, declines ranging from one to five points. But the extreme losses were in many cases reduced before the market closed when news from Washington suggested that Mr. Morgenthau's suggestion is likely to encounter strong opposition in both Houses of Congress.

Some 1,200,000 shares changed hands during the day which was the largest total for two months.

Punjab War Fund

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—A further donation received from the Punjab has brought the Punjab War Fund total to £224,000.

The Fund has now given two fighter squadrons to the R.A.F. An additional £10,000 has brought the donations of British communities in China for aircraft to a total of £210,000.

MADRID, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—Sir Samuel and Lady Hovell left Madrid to-day by air for Lisbon en route to London. It is expected that they will stay in London for three or four weeks.

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1.00 New Dance Music.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 Louis Levy and His Gaumont-British Symphony and Denny Dennis (Vocal).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Mendelssohn Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64, Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and The State Opera Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

0.00 Indian Programme.

0.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

0.47 Film Selections by The New Mayfair Orchestra, Reginald Ford (Organ) and Gerardo and His Romance in Rhythm Orchestra.

7.15 Piano Duets by Moreton and Kaye.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 London Relay—"Listening Post"—Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 Plantation Songs by Paul Robinson (Bass) with Orchestra.

8.41 Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra.

9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 An Hour Of Classical Requests—Intermezzo (From "Cavalleria Rusticana"—Mascagni). State Opera Orchestra.

9.03 "Madam Butterfly" Act 2. Puccini). Rosella Pampanini (Soprano) with Orchestra; Hungarian Dance No. 5 (Brahms). Boston Promenade Orchestra; Woman Is Fickle (From "Rigoletto" Act 3. Verdi); O Sole Mio (Capua). Enrico Caruso (Tenor) with Orchestra; "Sleeping Beauty" Waltz (Tchikovsky). Royal Opera Orchestra Covent Garden; Sonata in C Sharp Minor ("Moonlight"—Beethoven).

9.04 "Moonlight"—Beethoven).

9.05 Egon Petri (Piano Solo); Romance in E Flat, Op. 44 No. 1 (Rubinstein).

9.06 The New Light Symphony Orchestra; I'm The Factotum (From "The Barber of Seville"—Rossini).

9.07 Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Orchestra; Serenade (Toselli). Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 News in French (On Short Wave Only).

9.45 Classical Requests ("Peer Gynt"—Grieg). Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Piano; Wise Women and Song—Waltz (Strauss). Marek

Japan's Fascist Leader For A Bolder Policy

FROM PAGE ONE

States unless Japan surrenders. "If Japan surrenders to the United States, she will be destroyed. The Japanese people will not tolerate this."

Japan's Sacrifices

He asserted that Japanese sacrifices in establishing Manchukuo and during the Sino-Japanese hostilities were "too great to enable her to return to her 1925 status under the Nine Power pact such as Mr. Hull is demanding because these sacrifices would thereby be nullified."

He added that the Konohe Cabinet "lacks courage," and that President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill are apparently "much too clever for Konohe and Toyoda."

Pacific Relations

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (UP).—Mr. Mark Shaw of Boston and Mr. O. K. Armstrong of Springfield, Mo., announced to-day that they are organizing a committee on Pacific relations to strengthen the ties between the United States and Japan and also to urge mediation in the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Mr. Shaw who was a former Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Japan will be Chairman, while Mr. Armstrong, a writer, will be secretary. The latter said that he is sponsoring a Pacific relations conference in Washington next October.

Requisitioning Of Property Bill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (UP).—The Senate by a voice vote, to-day approved the conference committee report on the Administration's Property Requisitioning Bill which will be effective until July 1, 1943. It now goes to the House for final concurrence.

Lord Wakehurst

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—The term of office of Lord Wakehurst as Governor of New South Wales has been extended for a period of 12 months from April 8, 1942.

Weber and His Orchestra; Jerusalem (Blake and Dr. Parry). The BBC Choir in Christ Church with Organ.

10.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 A Dance Programme by Charlie Kunz (Piano) and His Ballroom Orchestra; Paul Whiteman's Four Modernaires; Harry Horlick and His Orchestra; Ray Kinney and His Hawaiian Musical Ambassadors; Al Cooper and His Savoy Sultans; Hatfield's Swingette; Mantovani and His Orchestra.

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ERSATZ MORALE

In "Mein Kampf" Adolf Hitler has written of the inability of Imperial Germany to comprehend the forces that would lead men to face death of their own free will. A report by the Committee for National Morale, a group of university psychologists, medical men and social scientists with headquarters in New York, indicates that a similar inability to appreciate fundamental values exists in Nazi Germany to-day. The Nazi soldier, the report shows, is a product of applied psychology plus medical and alcoholic stimulus. Analysis of hundreds of German books on the psychology of war has disclosed an attempt to foster a sort of synthetic morale out of ersatz ingredients.

The morale consists of a one-track line of thinking wholly absorbed with the idea of attack. It is bolstered by uniforms designed to give the soldier an exaggerated sense of his own prowess. Evidently retreat and defeat are concepts consciously excluded from his mental equipment. He is protected from ridicule. When all these applications fail to overcome his fear in combat, resort to drugs and alcohol is apparently in order, according to the Committee's report. Thorough as is the German soldier's training, the extensive development of psychological methods by the Nazis indicates moral weakness rather than strength. Moreover, in this war as in the last, the emphasis on purely material factors has led German officialdom to make the mistake of underestimating the staying power of their chief opponent, Britain.

It is obviously impossible that the British public could have been exposed to the so-called benefits of applied psychology as practised in German military circles. The individual Briton has had to learn to stand on his own moral feet. In so doing Britons have discovered surprising reserves of courage and of physical as well as moral strength in themselves. Some have been at a loss to explain their experience. Others have recognized that their strength came from a consciousness of the righteousness of the cause to which they had dedicated themselves.

For example: when in 1939 Britain's Government decided to oppose Nazi aggression even at the cost of war, British people felt a sense of peace in their country that had been absent throughout many months of "appeasement." This was a morale that no amount of applied psychology could have produced. Nor could the military forces schooled in theories of ruthless attack break through it. Just as the German authorities in 1914 had learned little from the history of free peoples making willing sacrifices for righteous causes, so the Nazis have apparently learned little. Nor has Hitler, who in the days when he wrote "Mein Kampf" saw so clearly the German mistake of underestimating truly moral values, avoided a similar mistake in German organization for the present war.

It should be a cause for encouragement among champions of freedom and justice everywhere that the natural ingredients of bravery and strength are native to the cause for which free men stand. For they are known by their fruits, and that they are supported by reverent arms.

THE EYES OF THE WORLD ARE CAST ON THIS AREA—THE NEXT POSSIBLE SCENE OF STRIFE

The massing of Bulgarian troops on Turkey's European frontier is once more causing anxiety in Kemal Ataturk's cubist concrete capital at Ankara.

Bulgarian troop movements, concentrations and decrees of mobilisation have long been a main interest of Turkish observers and a principal fear of ever-sensitive, nervous, rumour-mongering Istanbul, glittering on the shores of the blue-watered Bosphorus. To-day anxiety is all the more urgent. For in the last nine months many bastions of what Turkey used to regard as her advanced defence regions have fallen.

Marshal Fevzi Chakmak, the old-world chief of Turkey's ill-armed military forces, has long based his plans to defend the Dardanelles on a line of defences, the Chataltja Line, following the east end of the lofty Rhodope Mountains and the banks of the meandering River Maritsa on the Thracian border. The advance bastions of that line are naturally on the Danube. The Germans crossed it in March. Then they took Greece, and from Thrace either they or the Bulgars could now outflank the Chataltja defences.

Behind that line, on the European shores of the straits, nearly half the Turkish Army was concentrated last Spring. Now, if it were attacked, it would have the greatest difficulty not only in holding the Chataltja Line at all, but even in evacuating to Anatolia.

After the fall of Greece the Axis forces swooped upon the islands of the Aegean and three of these—Thasos, Samos and Samothrace—turn the Dardanelles from the south. Axis air bases are now established throughout the Aegean Islands and experts have judged that Italy's Dodecanese are secure for his sharp penetration, could more easily afford to sit on the fence of neutrality, now Allied pressure—it is no aggressive threat but it is pressure none the less—has revived. Syria is back among the Allies. So is Iraq. And now so is Iran.

Shanghai Experiences New Economic Dislocations

By Robert P. Martin
United Press Staff Correspondent

Suffering from the impact of four years of war, which has reduced trade and manufacturing tremendously and virtually stalemated all foreign business, Shanghai is undergoing new shocks as a result of the freezing of all credits and Japanese retaliatory export embargoes.

Official reports indicate that Shanghai manufacturers are facing a catastrophe due to the United States export licensing system, which has cut off Shanghai from badly-needed raw materials. Present stocks of commodities will be rapidly reduced during the coming months, unless present restrictions are eased up.

Owners of machine shops and metal works report that their stocks are disappearing fast and many of them expect to be forced to close down soon.

Being the bottleneck through which flows all trade between the outside world and the rich Yangtze valley, Shanghai is most sensitive to trade controls, which were first instituted by the Japanese and then by third powers due to wartime exigencies.

Imported commodities are becoming scarce and expensive, and the shortage of shipping threatens further price rises in the future. Restrictions on control over movements of raw materials and fuel, particularly to Shanghai from the interior, have curtailed the output locally. Serious unemployment has resulted, and prices of locally produced goods have risen sharply.

Foreigners drawing salaries in gold or sterling between October 1939 and January 1941 found that their cost of living had risen by 91.98 per cent. During the same period Chinese currency, in relation to the American dollar, increased by 46 per cent, leaving a gap of 53 per cent, which foreigners had to bear due to the war.

Chinese workers being paid in Chinese dollars suffered even more.

Comparative figures showed that the cost of living between 1936 and 1941 has increased by 600 per cent.

Authoritative sources estimate that due to the recent freezing order and embargoes, the cost of living will be increased generally by approximately 15 to 20 per cent, despite a slight increase in the value of Chinese currency in terms of foreign exchange.

Adding to the difficulties during the past few months was the hoarding of rice, which is being hoarded mostly by Chinese merchants and businessmen, who anticipated further shortages as a result of price increases, thus creating the most acute shortage even in such a staple article as rice, which reached the highest price in China's history.

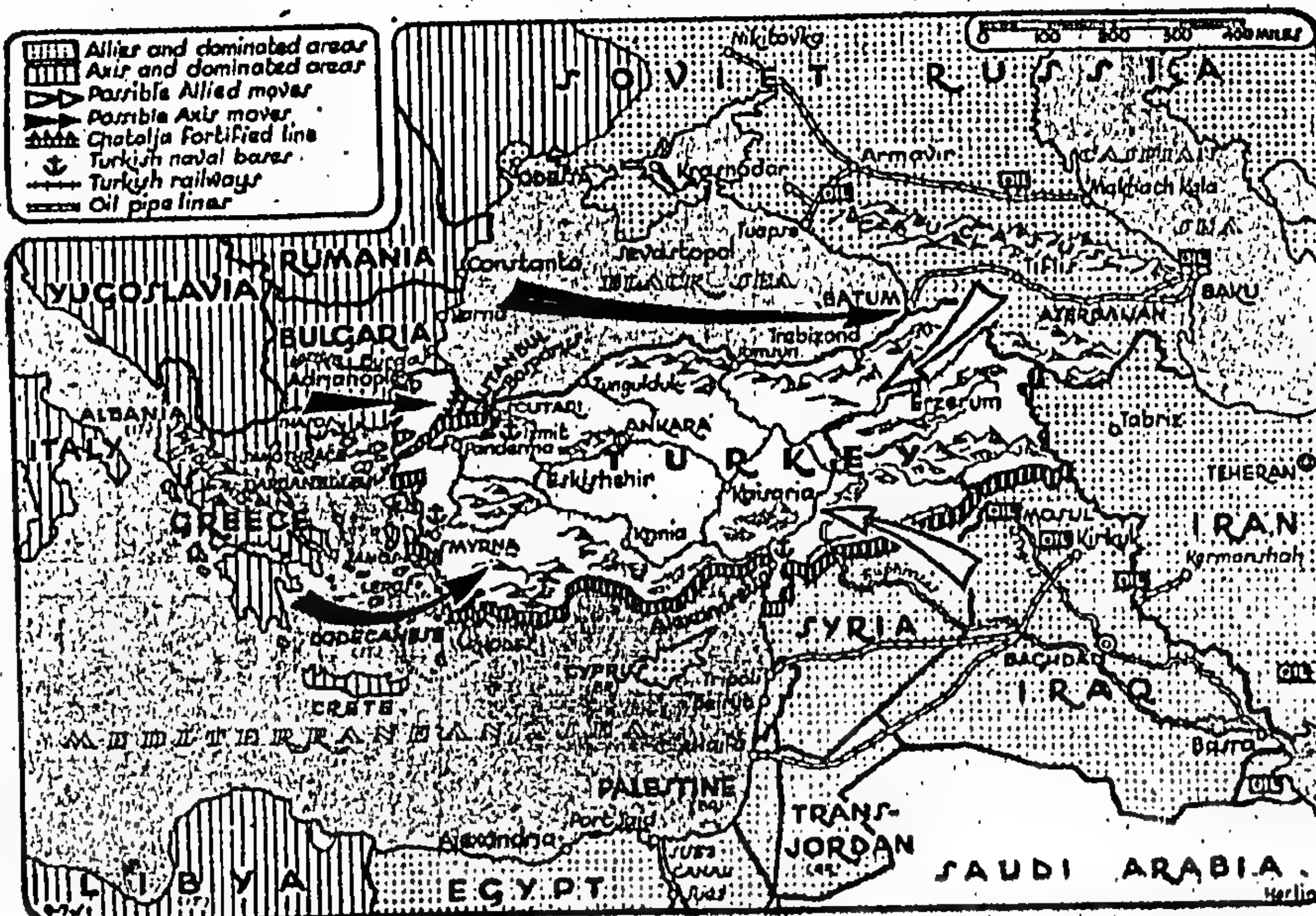
Foreign food prices showed advances, the following advances: bread, 30 per cent; meat, 30 per cent; oil, 30 per cent; and other foodstuffs, 30 per cent.

Apartment rentals increased from 100 to 200 per cent during the past year, while servants' wages increased over 100 per cent during the same period, omitting previous increases prior to September 1940, which were not as spectacular as in the past year.

To relieve the situation, both the officials of the International Settlement and the French Concession encouraged importation of rice and flour. They also imported rice themselves and organized cheap sales of these commodities. However, even then prices were beyond the means of the ordinary working man, who has been forced to deplete his own stores of food.

With increasing Japanese restrictions, experts anticipate still worse conditions in the future. Medical figures recently published record a tremendous increase in the tuberculosis and consumption incident rate, especially among the poorer classes, which will aggravate the conditions during the coming winter.

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TURKEY'S Position Grows in Peril

By Patrick Maitland

and experts have judged that Turkey's advance defence line lay along the Pindus Mountains of Greece. But these are gone and Turkey is now ringed by enemies on the west.

In the north, her fleet is her chief protection. But even though the Axis fleets have suffered heavy losses, Axis naval forces are more or less established on the west shores of the Black Sea and Russian naval power is surely no greater now than it was when the conflict with Germany began. Yet Turkey had always counted on Russian naval aid.

To the south and east the Allies have moved forward. If, after the collapse of France, Turkey's enigmatic Foreign Minister Sakur Sarajoglu, once

for his sharp penetration, could more easily afford to sit on the fence of neutrality, now Allied pressure—it is no aggressive threat but it is pressure none the less—has revived. Syria is back among the Allies. So is Iraq. And now so is Iran.

Though Turkish relations have been closer with Russia—the first country to recognise Kemal Ataturk's revolutionary government—than with any other power, they have never been relations of 100 per cent confidence—perhaps the peak has been 75 per cent. For Mr Sarajoglu and his predecessors have known, Ataturk knew and his successor, Ismet Inonu, has never forgotten that to the Soviet the Dardanelles are a vital interest. Now that they are virtually enveloped by the Axis, Russia's need is to make her Caucasus defences doubly sure.

The possibility of Russian moves in the Caucasus region to counter any threatening advance from the Aegean or across the stormy waters of the Black Sea, has long been foreseen, even dreaded, in Ankara.

The secret hope, scarcely mentioned in Ankara above a whisper, was always that Turkey might, if threatened, make a lightning dash into northern Iran, establish a protectorate over the 600,000 unhappy, oppressed Turkic-speaking folk of that area who had been impressed by the Shah into abandoning their nomad life and set to work on his estates beside the Caspian Sea. From that position, Chakmak's general staff have long since been arguing, Soviet threats or thrusts might be parried by a movement into Soviet Azerbaijan.

Here, too, is a Turki-speaking minority, gathered on the slopes of the Caucasus, nesting uneasily around the inflammable oil wells. But this hope has been crushed by the Anglo-Soviet occupation of Iran, whose independence and neutrality it has been a Turkish aim to uphold.

To Turkey these outlying defensive regions—stretching to the Danube, the Pindus Gorge, the north and west shores of the Black Sea, the Turki-speaking region of Soviet and Iranian Azerbaijan, and to Syria and Iraq—were the far-flung bastions of her guarded neutrality. It was mainly to bolster her neutrality that Turkey sought in turn to encourage or appease—the neighbouring great powers by signing the Ankara pact of mutual assistance with Britain and France, by improving relations with Greece, by keeping on Stalin's right side and, more recently, by signing a pact of friendship with the Reich. Neutrality is the key to Mr Sarajoglu's policy.

He has sat on the fence; and now it is beginning to creak. If the Germans cared to attack, the Turkish armed forces would be in a far worse position to resist than formerly. And communications are so poor in East Anatolia—the few roads are ill-surfaced, in poor repair, strung with bridges which a two-ton truck would crush to rubble—that it would be hard to make Allied aid effective.

On the other hand, if Turkey should waver toward the Axis the Allies would be in fine shape to call a halt. They could argue that free passage for German arms would only mean that they would be forced to advance on to Turkish soil themselves, and Central Anatolia would be turned into a battle area.

But if war does come, if the Axis does seek a short-cut to the Caucasus, effective resistance would be difficult now that so many advance bastions have fallen. For Ankara's choice which opposing belligerents are beginning to impose is difficult. It is only certain that foreign encroachments on Turkish soil will be bravely resisted.

AVIATION PETROL SHORTAGE IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—A study of plans to treble the United States refining capacity for aviation petrol at a cost of approximately \$150,000,000 was announced by Mr Harold Ickes, Minister of the Interior.

He disclosed that the Navy had entered the market within the last few days for 600,000 barrels of aviation petrol and had failed to get bids. The Navy is understood to have sufficient high octane aviation fuel for its present needs and was seeking stocks for storage. Mr Ickes told a press conference that the emergency in respect of high octane petrol was intensified materially by the needs of Russia and Britain and recalled that he said several weeks ago that the refining capacity should be doubled. He declared that the situation now required that it should be trebled. Fifty new refining plants were needed to boost the daily refining capacity from 40,000 to approximately 120,000 barrels.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Profit Limitation

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, caution arising from eastern front uncertainties was the keynote in a very quiet market and prices in most sections tended to be slightly easier, but the undertone remained generally sound.

Oil shares were fully steady with Mexican Eagles developing firmness in the late stages. South American rails responded to good demand.

Wall Street was narrow and was inclined to be nervous owing to Mr Morgenthau's profit limitation suggestion.

French Ambassador

CHUNGKING, Sept. 25 (Central News).—The French Ambassador, M. Henri Cosme who left Tientsin on Wednesday by steamer, is due in Shanghai to-morrow. M. Cosme went to North China several months ago to spend his summer.

Canberra Envoy to China Will Work With Kerr

RANGOON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—"Australia takes the war most seriously and no change of government makes any difference in this respect," said Sir Frederick Eggleston, the first Australian Minister to China, who is now in Rangoon en route to Chungking, when interviewed by "Reuter."

Sir Frederick added that Australia was making a war effort which was colossal for a nation of 7,000,000. He expressed Australia's greatest admiration for the splendid resistance by China against aggression and especially for the great leaders of the Chinese people.

Emphasising the unity of the

Philippine Defence

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (UP).—Representative Leo Kucinich, Chairman of the Insular Affairs Committee to-day introduced a Philippine defence bill in the House, setting aside about \$34,000,000 for strengthening the defences of the Commonwealth.

The bill was referred to the Territories Committee. Mr Kucinich said the Committee would consider the measure next week—possibly on Thursday.

The bill amends the Philippine Independence Bill to the extent of authorising the sugar excise tax and the gold deviation profits for Commonwealth defences.

CASTLE PEAK BAY FIRING

Firing practices in Castle Peak Bay and approaches are announced by the Naval Authorities.

On Wednesday, October 1, gun firing will be carried out by one of H.M. ships from Castle Peak Bay in an area enclosing the west and east Brother Islands. A Blue flag will be hoisted by the firing ship when ready to commence, and during the period of firing.

All craft are warned to keep clear of this area.

More Airmen Get Ready For Britain

SYDNEY, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the largest contingent of Royal Australian Air Force trainees to leave Australia since the outbreak of war has reached Canada.

They include detachments of trained pilots, observers, gunners, technicians and ground staff personnel for Britain and others who are to complete their training in Canada.

Mongolia As Musical Inspiration

Ma Sitsen's Recital

The barren plains of Mongolia with its scattered temples, its trains of slow-moving camels and their soft tinkling bells, was the source of inspiration for Professor Ma Sitsen's suite "Suiyuania" which he composed during a journey through Mongolia in 1937 and will play at his recital at the Peninsula Hotel to-night.

In three movements, the suite is a splendid example of the adaptability of Chinese musical thought and interpretation on western lines. It was orchestrated by the composer and played by the National Symphony Orchestra in Chungking where Chinese interest in western classical music is being encouraged and fostered mainly by the Professor's efforts.

Opening with Beethoven's Concerto in D Major, Professor Ma's programme to-night includes Beethoven's "Sonata" for Piano, "Tambourin Chinois" and "Suiyuania". A second recital will be given on Saturday, with an entire change of programme which will include Professor Ma's compositions "Sonata in G Major" and his "Sword Dance" in addition to Mendelssohn's "Concerto" and Schubert's "Ave Maria". His Excellency the Governor will be present at the performance to-night.

Instruction Of Russian Tank Crews

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—It is understood that the Russians are establishing schools for the training of crews for British tanks and probably Russian military experts will visit Britain for tank instruction.

Tank production this week will create a record and is the Government's intention that the record production should be maintained.

The volume of tanks and munitions to be sent to Russia during the winter and the spring of next year will be a high percentage of British production.

Efforts are being made to speed up transport so that British supplies to Russia will arrive in the shortest possible time. Railways and roads in the Middle East are being developed in order to take increased supplies from Britain to Russia.

Windsors In Washington

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Thousands crowded the approaches to Washington's Union Station early this morning to roar a tumultuous welcome to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, who were greeted officially by Sir Ronald Campbell, the British Charge d'Affaires, and Mr George Sumner, the State Department's Protocol chief.

Received by Roosevelt WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day received the Duke and Duchess of Windsor for a half hour chat. The Windsors are en route to their ranch in Canada. The Duke said that he was "absolutely confident that Britain will win the war. He visited Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State and Admiral Emory Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission who told the Duke that everything possible was being done to maintain a bridge of ships to Britain.

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Poles Reveal War Figures

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Polish Military Headquarters in London to-day stated that the Germans' losses in the Polish-German campaign of September, 1939, were 90,000 killed, 200,000 wounded, 400 tanks and 600 planes destroyed.

The first incomplete list of Polish casualties contains the names of more than 1,000 Polish officers and non-commissioned officers killed.

Strength Of Japanese In Manchukuo

CHUNGKING, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—A Japanese war with Russia is believed in Chinese circles here to be brought nearer by the German successes on the eastern front.

It is impossible to ascertain the number of Japanese troops massed in Manchukuo but well-informed Chinese opinion contends that the figure of one million given in certain quarters is somewhat high. Chinese military authorities here estimate the total Japanese strength along the Russian border as between 800,000 and 850,000.

The same quarters place the total of the opposing Soviet strength at 600,000.

General Sentenced To Death

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" VICHY, Sept. 25 (UP).—A High Court martial to-day sentenced to death in absentia, General Paul Legentilhomme, former Commander of the French Forces at Djibouti who joined the German side and led the Free French in Syria.

North Sea, Channel Patrols

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—An Air Ministry communique states: "Yesterday the weather was unfavourable for air operations but aircraft on patrol continued to attack enemy shipping."

Off the coast of Norway Hudson aircraft of the Coastal Command bombed a large enemy supply ship from a low level and off Dunkirk Hurricane aircraft of the Fighter Command attacked an enemy mine-sweeper with cannon and machine-gun fire.

KIDNAPPING IN PEIPING

Tokyo Responsibility

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador in Tokyo, has taken up with the Japanese Government the matter of the disappearance of Mrs Denzil Clarke, wife of the British Assistant Press Attaché in Peiping, who is believed to have been kidnapped.

Representations have already been made to the local Japanese authorities in Peiping.

It is highly probable, states "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent, that Germans are at the back of this outrage as they were behind the wholesale arrests of British subjects last year, for it is extremely curious that whenever relations between Great Britain and Japan appear to be showing signs of improvement some incident of this kind occurs to set them back.

The British Government hold the Japanese responsible for the disappearance of Mrs Clarke as they are responsible for the maintenance of law and order in Peiping.

Search Intensified

PEIPING, Sept. 25 (UP).—The British Embassy to-day stated that the Clarke case is more hopeful owing to the increased activities of the Japanese authorities.

The Japanese Embassy spokesman said that an unspecified number of Japanese gendarmes and Chinese military police are searching for Mrs Clarke inside and outside of Peiping. He said that many Japanese believe that Mrs Clarke "possibly desired to go elsewhere," and when asked whether he believed that she had been kidnapped, he replied, "We don't know. That is why it is so hard to look for the culprit."

Scientists' Task After The War

Mr Eden's Address To British Association

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—"We had to call on you to help us in the cause for which we are fighting. We shall need you even more for the cause for which we will be working in peace," said Mr Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, to-day, welcoming to the British Council lunch-in-London delegates to the British Association meeting on Science and world order which is opening to-morrow.

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Slaves of Regime

It was that same German spirit which made German scientists slaves of the regime which was opposed to everything science represented. That spirit has to be overcome. We have to see it in the political sphere that when that spirit has been overcome, precautions will be taken so that the world may not be subjected again to the ordeal it has endured so many times from this same German spirit.

"The advent of the machine has brought astonishing material advantages to many, but it has led to inequalities, to much selfishness, to unfair division and materialism."

"If after the war we are going to have many changes with these things, science and science must work together. You will help us and guide us, and if there is any contribution we can make you know we will be only too happy to make it."

Indian Air Force To Be Expanded

SIMLA, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Existing facilities are adequate to cope with the expansion of the Indian air force which will shortly take place.

All recruits will be granted commissions for the duration of the war immediately they have completed their training. Under the former system, those who could not be immediately absorbed were returned to civil life until their services were required.

This assurance of a commission for an indefinite period will give a great impetus to the number of applications from all over India to join the air force.

For three weeks large-scale aerial exercises have been held by the Indian Air Force. Observers expressed the greatest satisfaction in the performance of the Indian pilots whose skill in handling their aircraft in the most advanced manoeuvres earned general admiration.

Thais Lean Towards Democracies

SINGAPORE, Sept. 25 (Central News).—An authoritative British commentator revealed upon his arrival here from Bangkok yesterday that the Thai authorities made an indirect request for aid to the British Minister at Bangkok some months ago. He said that the trend of the policy of Thailand is unmistakable, adding that "the Thais are anxious to be with the Democracies rather than with the Axis Powers."

The commentator further stated that economically the Japanese have failed in their efforts to sell goods to Thailand, as the Thais realize what the Japanese intentions towards them have been and they have no desire to fall into their trap.

Internment Camp Disturbance

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—The disturbance at Peel (Isle of Man) internment camp which followed the capture of three men who had escaped is the subject of an official inquiry by the Home Office.

A statement issued to-day states that the inquiry is nearing completion and that it is already clear that some accounts of the incident were exaggerated.

There was much shouting and disorderly conduct but no assault was directed at any person and only two persons were slightly injured.

The Home Secretary, however, takes a serious view of the disturbance and appropriate measures will be taken to prevent a recurrence of this state of affairs when the inquiry is completed.

DUTCH MINISTER TO CHINA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Sept. 25 (UP).—It is reliably reported that the Chungking Government has accepted the appointment of Baron Van Breugel Douglas as Minister to China of the exiled Dutch Government in London. The former Dutch Minister to China, Mr W. F. L. Graaf Van Bylandt never assumed his post.

Singapore Conference

SINGAPORE, Sept. 25 (UP).—The British Minister to Thailand, Sir Imajah Cragie, arrived here from Bangkok to-day presumably to confer with Mr Duff Cooper and Ambassador Sir Archibald Clark Kerr.

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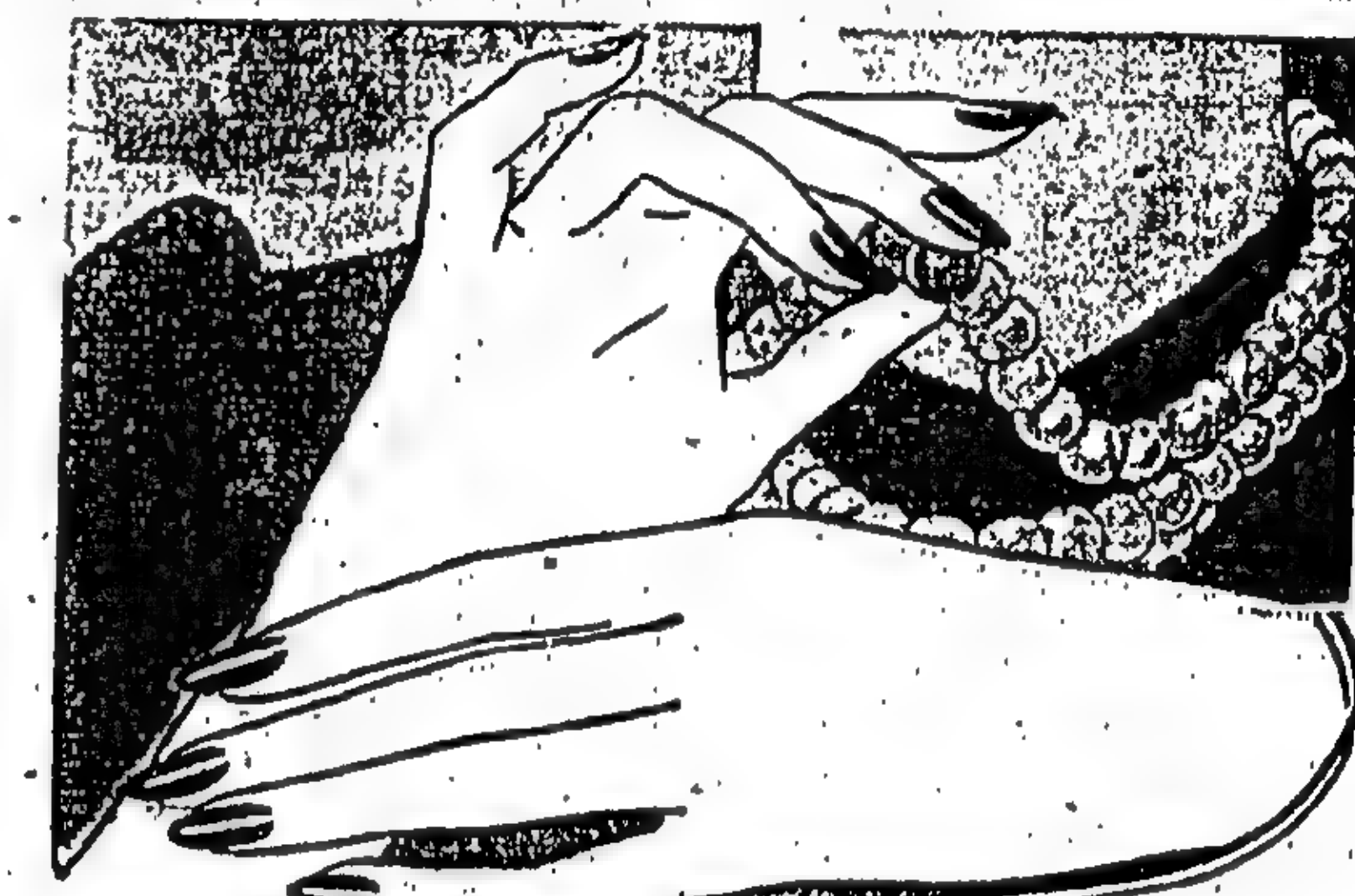


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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Happy Valley Meetings Resume To-morrow

Some Interesting Times Noted At Early Morning Gallops

HAPPY VALLEY will again be the rendezvous of all the sporting celebrities to-morrow for the opening of the second half of the racing season. After a lapse of over three months, the resumption of the race meetings has been looked forward to with considerable interest.

Special Sweep

Punters are reminded that the third section of the Gosford Handicap over six furlongs will be the last event of the afternoon.

Attention of racing public is drawn to the fact that a dollar cash sweep will be held on the race, but "all through" numbers will not participate. Tickets can be purchased only at Race Course during the meeting.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Times are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21820).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING

"GOSFORD HANDICAP"

Saturday, 27th September, 1941

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$1 each, will be held on this race but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1941.

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Saturday, Oct. 4, 1941

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Entries On Generous Scale Indicate Full Fields

Racing fans, I am sure, have been patiently waiting for the resumption, but it is obviously not to be expected that all the candidates will be running up to their best form after a holiday in the pastures.

However, there were fireworks at Happy Valley last Saturday, and a few "dress rehearsals" gallops elevated the eye-brows of those early birds sitting on the rails.

The fields are likely to be up to full strength as entries have been on a generous scale. In view of the heavy nominations (to be precise, 34 in all) received for the Gosford Handicap for "C" class Australian ponies, the contest has been divided into three sections (instead of two) by order of the Stewards, and the additional race will, of course, give us a programme of 11 events.

Gosford H'cap History

It may be of interest to know that the Gosford Handicap was inaugurated in the same year as the first batch of Australian ponies raced here in 1931.

The race was first run over a mile on April 18, when Evening Star (Harriman) carrying 162 lb. crossed the wire first with many lengths to spare.

In the following season Season Ticket (Ridley) annexed the "A" division with But After That (Frost) second, and both ponies carried 170 lb.

The weight did not seem to worry the winners, for the former established a record for the run of 1 1/4 miles and Season Ticket covered the distance in two minutes 18 1/2 seconds.

In 1937 the Hongkong Jockey Club created a new division for Australian ponies and Brutus was the first pony to capture the "C" class event.

Since then the race has been confined to "C" class riders.

The following is a list of winners of the Gosford Handicap since its inception:

Pony Jockey Weight Class Distance Time

1931 Evening Star Harriman 162 lb. 1 Mile 1.59 1/2

1932 But After That Frost 170 " 1 1/4 Miles 2.28 1/2

Season Ticket Ridley 170 " 1 1/4 Miles 2.19 1/2

1933 The Griffe Frost 157 " 1 1/4 Mile-Post 1.00 1/4

1937 Brutus Davis 150 " 0 Furlongs 1.23 1/2

1938 Violet Queen Raymond 148 " 0 Furlongs 1.48

1939 Stratherrick H. C. Pih 142 " 1 Mile 1.47 1/2

1940 Brown Derby Black 160 " 1 Mile 1.47 1/2

Income Tax Wei 162 " 1 Mile 1.47 1/2

Dead Heat. † Record.

It will be observed from the above that the race was not competed for from 1934 to 1939 inclusive.

Jockeys

AFTER a "forced absence" the owner-jockey, W. H. S. Davis, will be seen up on his own ponies with the inclusion of Mr and Mrs Stanton's string, while V. V. Needa will pilot a few of Mr Li Lan-sang's ponies.

The stable jockey, H. C. Pih, who was operated on for appendicitis, will not be seen in the saddle again until the Annual Carnival.

The return of G. R. Cheape does not require any comment for his last ride in the Colony was a third on Talkative in the Gallowgate saying, was decided at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket League yesterday, Mr H. R. B. Hancock was re-elected President, with Mr P. Goodwin vice-President, and Mr A. H. Madar Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Following the Committee's report it was decided that the time for drawing the stumps would be put back half an hour in view of the daylight saving.

For October the time would be advanced from 6.15 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.; for November from 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.; for December, from 5.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.; for January, from 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.; for February, from 6.15 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.; and for April, from 6.15 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.

The matches would commence at 1.45 p.m. in January and February and in the other months at 2 p.m.

The meeting concluded with a decision to donating \$50 to the Children's Playground Fund.

Army and Navy Competing.

WELCOME RETURN to the League is the Army, and under the leadership of Lt. T. A. Pearce, Inter-Porter, it is announced that they will be entering two teams for the competition.

And there there will also be a team from Navy.

With the Services showing the way, yet a third has returned to the fold. The Hongkong C.C. are entering a team in the First Division.

With these three competing sides there will "once more" be a full programme, and it is hoped, for local cricket in a "bad way" that it will mean a revival of interest.

WE SHOULD SEE an interesting mile run in the second section of the Vauclose Handicap for "B" class Australian ponies over a mile should be an easy race for Colooma after her "dress rehearsal" performance last Tuesday.

With D. Black in the saddle the combination was given a sharp spin over the mile course and the mare took 1.54 1/2 to cover the circuit romping home with flying colours.

Stout opposition is bound to come from A. Happy Time (D. Craven) and Connielber (H. S. Chang), but they will find the Hongkong Bank Tai-pan's candidate a hard nut to crack.

Contact Well Fancied For Second Section

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Twenty-five Nominations For Aussies Autumn Plate

THE AUSTRALIAN Subscription Ponies Autumn Plate has attracted no less than 25 nominations, but I have seen much bigger entries before only to be disappointed in the end with a small field.

I have reason to believe that the distance run over the course of 1 1/4 miles.

The strain is too severe a run after a summer rest. However, the result of Point Nepean Handicap (1 1/4 Miles) run on June 2, would be a useful guide for one to get a line. The finish was King's Flight (161 lb.), Happy Returns (146 lb.) and Jus Gentium (152 lb.), and the first pony won by one and a half lengths with two lengths separating the second and the third.

On the strength of that running King's Flight is certainly a few pounds better racer than Happy Returns and Jus Gentium, whereas to-morrow the chairman's candidate has a pull in the weights on account of less amount of stakes won.

But how good will King's Flight be again? Amulet Star, Araxy II, Bendigo, Corair, Lxx Fort, Vittamin M. and Wayworth.

I will, however, make my final selections to-morrow after having a list of the probable jockeys.

Port Phillip Stakes

Good Field Of Australian Milers

THE PORT PHILLIP STAKES for Australian pony griffins of this season should be quite an interesting event and one may expect to see a field of good milers.

Opening Event

THE OPENING EVENT will be the Island Bay Handicap (first section) for "C" class China ponies to be ridden by novices and the run is over a mile.

There is every possibility of seeing the owner (T. K. Li) up on Galvaniser Boy, for the bay is certainly a better racer than the stable-male Ocean. However, the nomination has never faced the tape before and I am afraid that Mr Li will not be able to hold the pony.

Blue Field with the owner S. W. Lee is almost a certainty, and it will be hard to beat the combination.

The most dangerous is Red Feather and it looks that Thirty Six is not yet ready.

King's Welcome, who has had more breakdowns than a cheap alarm clock, has not only cost the public a big sum of money but has disappointed the owner with a fine collection of six official fourth placings.

Whether the mare is going to break the ice, one must trust to providence, but it is to be hoped that she will atone for her incessant failures.

Iron Belle's Chance? JUDGING from the interest taken by Peter Wei on Iron Belle, the mare has a golden opportunity of reaching the base line first, for she ran a good race behind Mountain View and Nomine Poenae (both are now ineligible) in the Charters Towers Stakes over a mile.

Graceful View is another to be considered after her successful victory in the Great Eight Stakes and the mare is looking extremely well.

Though Riverside is well tuned for the contest, I am afraid the mare will find Iron Belle a different class.

New Moon has not as yet faced a start, but the progeny of Double Court is definitely accepting and I have reason to say that the mare is short of a gallop.

I prefer to see Rattle Decided! over a shorter distance, but I would like to recommend the mare for a long shot.

Shuttlecock has grown in substance and she is well keyed for the big fight. She, Devonian, Nomine Poenae and Triumphant Day are on the same level.

Remote Chance THE last named is more of a stayer than a sprinter, and in the circumstance the prospects of 1939 Roxy Hill Derby winner are remote.

Devonian, formerly owned by Lady Northcote, will be running under Mrs Stanton's colours and the bay will be, in my opinion, among the first three.

Anzac Day is dangerous over this distance.

Closing Event

THE CLOSING EVENT, Gosford Handicap (third section) for "C" class Australian ponies, should produce a good tussle between Misty View, Sea Jay and Vitamin M.

The first pony has only 143 lb. to carry and, if need be, draw the weight, Misty View should win.

Much was expected of Vitamin M. at the Annual Carnival, but the mare was a non-combatant for a long time.

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Chan Chun-nam Clips Fraction Off Last Year's Time

(By "Tinker")

PRESSED almost all the way by his youthful colleagues, Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping, Chan Chun-nam, long distance champion of both Hongkong and Lai Tsun, set a new time for the men's half-mile free-style in the first day's events of the Colony swimming championships at the V.R.C. last night, clocking 11 mins 15 secs, taking 3/5 sec off his last year's record.

This was the only race that provided anything like a close finish, for it was only over the last two lengths that Chan forged into his winning lead, being content until then to maintain an even yard ahead of the others.

It was anticipated that Miss V. Churn would win the 220 yards free-style for women, but it being a new event, and with favourable reports on several of the other swimmers, there was nothing very definite about it all until the race was in progress.

Once in the water, however, Miss Churn showed a fine measured tempo in her stroke that before the race was half over had put her into a commanding lead.

Well Judged

W. Lawrence swam an excellently judged race to win the 220 yards back-stroke. Lau Yiu-ting (Lai Tsun) set off at a great pace, but could not invigilate the others into following.

A. K. Rumjahn kept his eyes on Lawrence, and endeavoured to match him length by length, but could only manage second place.

For three of the four lengths in the women's 100 yards breast-stroke championship, Miss Ko Mui-ling kept up very well with Miss Li Po-luen, and until then the race had had the earmarks of a close finish. But over the last lap, Miss Li moved slowly ahead until she finally won by about two yards.

Strenuous Race

THE MOST STRENUOUS race of the evening was the men's 150 yards individual medley race. Ng Nin took first place, and though he won by yards and yards, he took off before the word "go" which gave him at least one of those yards to start off.

The other new event was the women's diving and Miss Jackie Anderson was left without an opponent, Miss Josephine Ng having left the Colony, but she sportingly gave an exhibition which was well received.

The Half-mile

THE HALF-MILE was the race of the evening, and as one spectator remarked was one of the best races for that distance ever seen in the V.R.C. pool.

Up and down the Lai Tsun trio swept (they were the only entrants); Chan in the van with Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping just about a yard behind, and they maintained this order for almost 30 lengths.

Steadily Chan drew ahead after that mark, and won comfortably, but in record time.

Though Lau Tai-ping was a shade ahead of his fellow-compettitor, Yau, at that same period, it was not a great surprise that the latter came through to take second place. His spurt over the last few lengths was very fine.

Over a shorter distance the possibilities of Lau, beating Yau would have been more feasible. Colony record for the 440 yards is 6 mins 25.0 secs, and it is an indication of the speed of this half-mile that Chan covered the quarter-mile in 5 mins 28 seconds (roughly).

V.R.C. Members' events were also swum off and were interspersed with championship events. The second day's programme in the V.R.C. pool to-morrow night commencing at 8.07 p.m. Results were:

Colony Championships

Men's 880 yards free-style—1. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun), 11 mins 15 secs (Colony record); 2. Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsun), 11 mins 18 secs; 3. Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun), 11 mins 18.5 secs. Previous record was 11 mins 10.0, set by Chan Chun-nam in 1940.

Women's 100 yards breast-stroke—1. Miss Li Po-luen (University), 2.04 secs; 2. Miss Ko Mui-ling (Lai Tsun), 2.06 secs; 3. Miss Li Wai-ming (South China), 2.12 secs. Colony record—Miss Li Po-luen, 2.03 secs, 1940.

Men's 220 yards back-stroke—1. W. Lawrence (V.R.C.), 2 mins 13 secs; 2. A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.), 2 mins 14.5 secs; 3. Miss Li Wai-king (C.D.C.), 3 mins 0 secs.

Women's Fancy Diving—Miss J. Anderson, walk-over.

Women's 220 yards free-style—1. Miss V. Churn (University), 3 mins 13 secs; 2. Miss Ko Mui-ling (Lai Tsun), 3 mins 12.4 secs; 3. Miss Li Wai-king (C.D.C.), 3 mins 14 secs.

Men's 150 yards individual medley—1. Ng Nin (Sing Tao), 1 min 50.0 secs; 2. Sam Ho Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun), 2 mins 2.5 secs.

V.R.C. Events Junior Members' 50 yards breast-stroke championship—1. J. A. Marques, 31 secs; 2. A. Alves, 31.5 secs; 3. L. Viera, 34.5 secs.

Boys' 50 yards free-style handikap—1. L. A. Marques, 30.5 secs; 2. L. Viera, 30.8 secs; 3. J. Carvalho, 30.8 secs.

Members' 100 yards free-style handikap—1. L. A. Marques, 30.5 secs; 2. L. Viera, 30.8 secs; 3. J. Carvalho, 30.8 secs.

Junior Women's 50 yards free-style championship—1. Miss M. Noronha, 35 secs; 2. Miss T. Vyanovich, 35.5 secs; 3. Miss J. Carvalho, 35.5 secs.

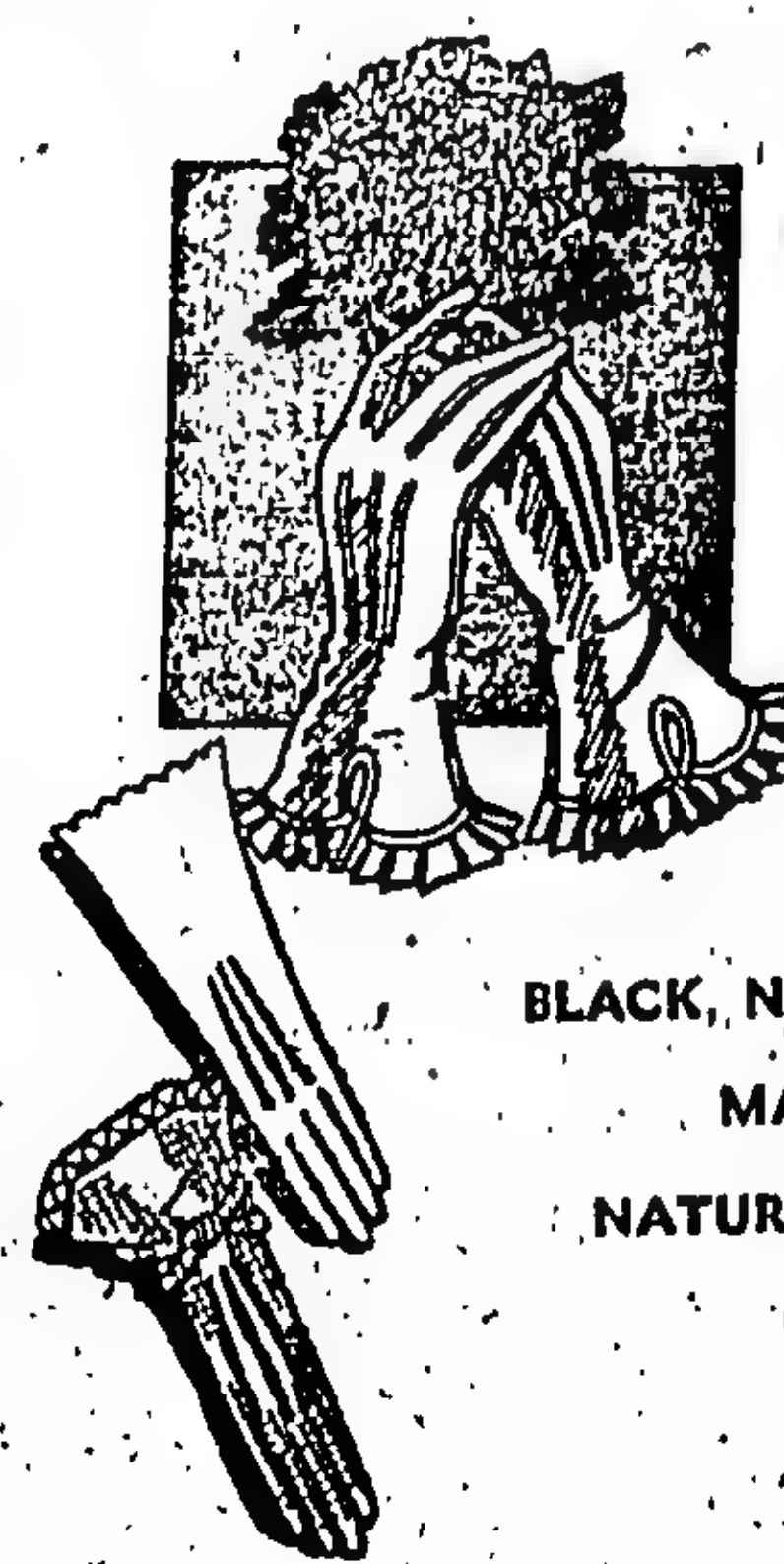
Senior Members' 50 yards back-stroke championship—1. H. Reynolds, 34.4 secs; 2. E. D. da Costa, 35.4 secs; 3. G. Saunders, 36.0 secs.

Boys' 75 yards individual medley handikap—1. G. Rossetti, 60.2 secs; 2. J. Rosa-Pereira, 61.2 secs; 3. J. Gomes, 64.4 secs.

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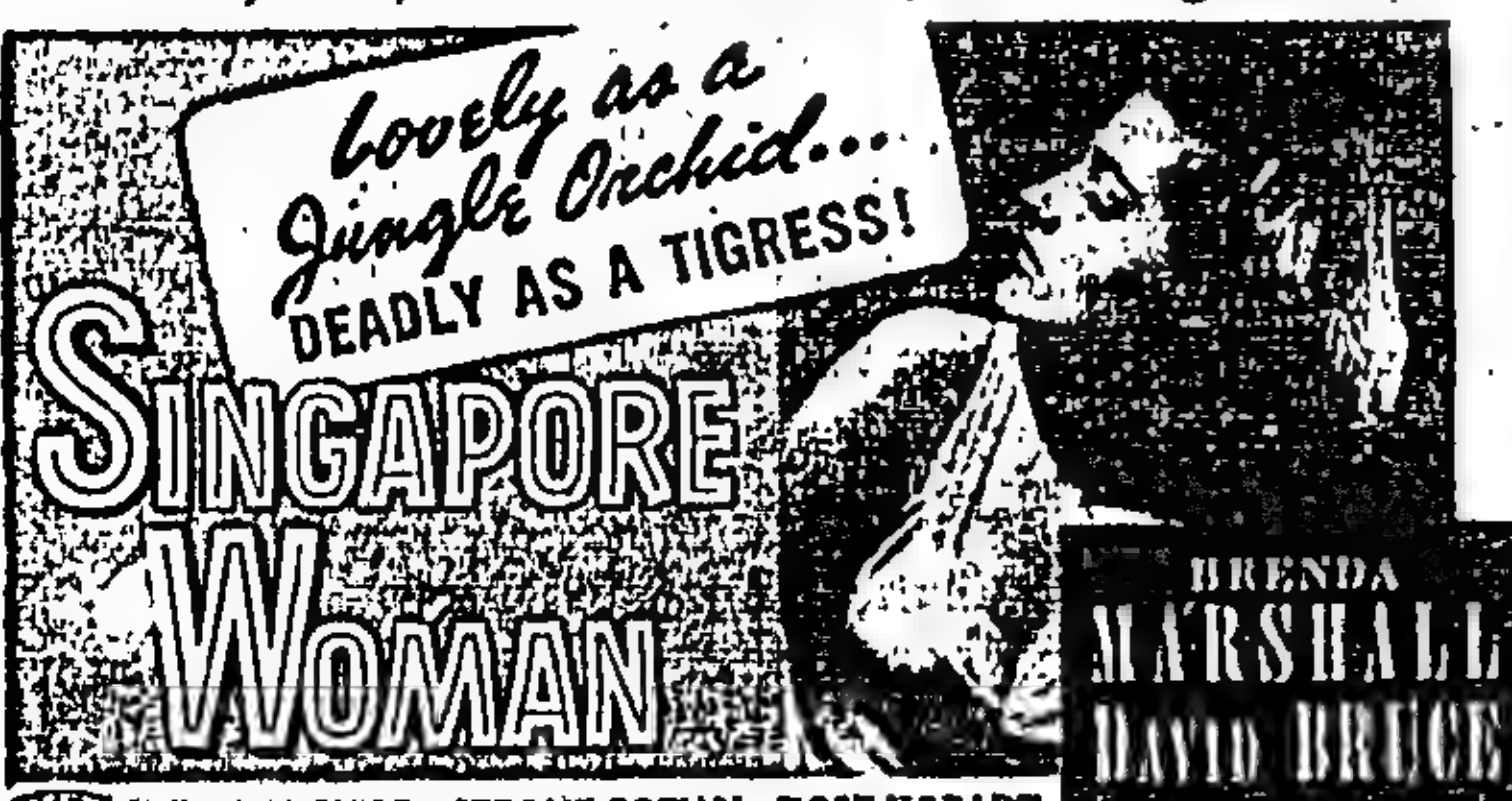
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allowing for the Crimea being three times the size.

German Claims
BERLIN, Sept. 25 (UP).—Authorized German circles today asserted that the Luftwaffe, German artillery and storm troops have already smashed the backbone of resistance of the Soviet coastal batteries on the outskirts of Leningrad.

According to these sources, the main Soviet opposition is now coming from the countless batteries of artillery of various calibres as well as machine-guns and anti-aircraft guns in the fortress of Leningrad itself.

Other sources stated that they are not able at present to compare the effect of the bombing of Leningrad with Warsaw and Rotterdam, but they pointed out that Leningrad's buildings are primarily built of wood which permits the conclusion that the devastation will exceed anything thus far in the war.

Finnish Operations
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WITH THE FINNISH ARMY, Svir River, Sept. 25 (UP).—Major General Talvela commanding the operations between the Aunus and Svir Rivers told the press today that he refused to predict whether Finnish troops would advance beyond Svir River "because this question is not only of a military but a political character."

"We have taken a number of bridgeheads across the Svir River mainly because we want to safeguard what we have gained so far," he declared.

He told the "United Press" correspondent that all traffic on the Murmansk line between Leningrad and Petrozki has been blocked since September 9 when the Finnish troops reached the railway.

Neutrality Repeal Message Expected

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Referring to the Administration's failure to invoke it in the Sino-Japanese conflict, "By retaining the law, we indirectly are consenting to Germany's claim that she controls part of the Atlantic," he declared.

Empty Statute

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—In the House of Representatives, Mr. Roy Woodruff (Michigan) declared that the "President was going to give Congress an opportunity to agree with the President that the Act should be repealed."

Mr. Woodruff added: "The Neutrality Act is the merest shell of an empty statute which the Government do not intend to enforce. Every informed member of Congress and every informed observer in Washington knows that President Roosevelt has not left a vestige of the Neutrality Act unviolated in spirit if not in letter."

Ragged Remnants
"Judging by President Roosevelt's past performance, it would matter little to him whether Congress did or did not modify or repeal the ragged remnants of the Act because President Roosevelt himself in effect repeals, modifies and amends statutes to suit himself when he feels that the occasion requires it."

"It is a mistake for the American people to be misled into believing that an issue confronts Congress in the sense that the Neutrality Act, as amended as it is, has prevented the President's administration from proceeding as they pleased in the conduct of national preparedness, administration of the Lend-Lease Act and the so-called defence of the Western Hemisphere."

A Dead Act
"The American people ought to understand and most of them probably do understand that when the President issued in a world-wide broadcast his famous order to the Navy to shoot on sight any German or Italian submarine, surface raider or aircraft, he himself shot the decrepit Neutrality Act right through the vitals and it has been, of course, as dead as the dodo since."

Gallup Poll Approves
NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Fifty-six per cent of Americans approve in general "for having the United States shoot German submarines or warships on sight," according to the latest Gallup poll.

Thirty-four per cent disapproved and ten per cent were indefinite. The survey was made approximately a week after President Roosevelt's broadcast on the protection of convoys.

Controller of Stores Gives Evidence

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ments for July and August, you have deposited a sum of \$38,000.—Yes.

And all your withdrawals from the Bank were in round figures.—Yes, account not only referred to A.R.P. work. It included the whole of my business.

I am not saying that it doesn't. But it is strange that all your withdrawals were in round figures.—Yes, that is so because the withdrawals were for payment to workmen so I always drew a round sum.

And you put it into your cash account, I supposed?—No, there was no record made of withdrawals from the Bank. I simply put the money in my pocket.

But besides your workmen you must have other bills to pay such as cement and so on?—No, I only supplied the labour, nothing else.

And you have no account in any bank as to how you paid out to your workmen this huge sum of money?—It is in the payment book.

This book starts from the middle of April, 1941—I commenced work at that time.

Paid Out \$63,000

This statement shows that you have paid out \$63,000 to workmen. Is that correct?—Yes.

And that amount will be found in the payment book?—No. This payment of \$63,000 was not confined solely to the workmen at the A.R.P. tunnels.

But this book says A.R.P. tunnels?—Do you know what proportion of the \$63,000 was paid to the A.R.P. workmen?—\$40,000 odd.

Your savings account showed a balance at the end of July of \$25.02. It that so?—I think so, but once I started the other account I gave up this one.

Mr. Bellamy: In your contract with Kin Lee, are the prices all based on per lineal foot except cement concrete for walls?

Witness: Everything is measured by lineal foot.

Except cement concrete for walls which were measured by cubic yard?—No, everything by lineal foot.

Then, what do these two characters Y. C. mean?—Cement concrete walls were to be measured by cubic yard. When I said no just now I thought you meant the building of walls with stones.

The Chairman: That is all we require from you at the moment.

Witness: I hope you will make still further inquiries to clear up the matter.

The Chairman: You may rest assured we will do that.

The next witness called was Mr. William John Anderson, Controller of Stores.

The Chairman: How long have you been acting as Controller of Stores?

Mr. Anderson: I have been holding the substantiated post since June, 1939.

What are the functions of the Controller of Stores?—The functions of the Controller of Stores are to do purchasing for Government.

As far as control of stores is concerned, you are really the purchasing agent for the Government of Hong-kong?—Yes.

What is the normal procedure for the purchase of stores?—Imported stores are normally bought through the Crown Agents of the Colony. Stores made locally are bought by contract for a period of time. Previously, it used to be one year but since the war we made what are called three-month contracts.

What is the normal system of purchasing by contract?—We collect all the information and estimates of the stores that we require, after which we make out the necessary schedules and then they are advertised in the "Government Gazette."

Tenders Called For

And then tenders are called for?—Yes.

Are they called for in the "Government Gazette"?—Yes.

Under General Order 406, I see that in stores which may be purchased in the Colony, unless the estimated cost is less than \$200, they are to be obtained by contract after public tender.—That is correct.

If, however, no tenders are made or the Government has grounds to believe that the tenders sent in are collusive or unreasonable, other arrangements may be made. All tenders will be submitted to a Board of not less than three persons arranged by the Government. The Treasurer is ex-officio Chairman of the Tender Board and the other members are the Postmaster-General, the Controller of Stores and the head of the department, then the Chair-

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man of the Urban Council.—Yes. Therefore there is what is known as a Tender Board here?—Yes.

And normally all tenders are submitted to them for decision?—Yes. Is that all that was followed in practice?—Yes, so far as local stores are concerned.

Has that been followed so far as the A.R.P. is concerned?—That I cannot say. There are services and stores in services unless the tender is put before the Board, I would not know about it.

What do you mean by Services?—Services like the F.W.D.

Not Brought To Board's

Notice

Let us confine ourselves to stores. In your knowledge...?—In my knowledge I cannot say that stores not purchased through me had been submitted to the Tender Board.

If the Director of A.R.P. wants, for instance, to purchase sandbags, he may make his own arrangements to obtain approval from Government direct, in which case I would not know if the tender has in fact been submitted.

I am asking you, as a member of the Tender Board, if you know whether there had been any tenders for purchase of stores in connection with A.R.P. work which were not brought to the notice of the Tender Board?—Yes, I do know.

Can you give us an instance or instances of what you do know?—The only tenders that I know which were not submitted to the Tender Board were those to which, I believe, approval was given by the Government.

In writing or verbally?—In writing, I believe.

Which Government are you talking about?—I am speaking of Sir Geoffrey Northcote and also General Norton.

Don't Know What To Say

I take it then that the Government has power to over-ride the Board if it wishes?—I don't know what to say.

Do you know anything about the purchase of picks and shovels for the A.R.P.?—I do.

Can you tell us briefly what you do know?—I have a very brief statement here which I have submitted to the Commission (Legal advisers to the Commission).

I don't want the whole statement though I would like you to refer to it from time to time. What I want to know is briefly what you know about the picks and shovels. Tenders were invited for the supply of 10,000 picks and 10,000 shovels.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet.	Area in sq. feet.	Upset Price
1	101	Between San Wan Street and Pak Tung Street, Shek Shan, District 1.	as per sale plan.	about 37,900	500	\$200.00

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$2,335.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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2	102	Wong Nei Chung Gap Road.	as per sale plan.	about 15,500	174	\$174.00

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$456.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

Windsors In Washington

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Thousands crowded the approaches to Washington's Union Station early this morning to roar a tumultuous welcome to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, who were greeted officially by Sir Ronald Campbell, the British Charge d'Affaires, and Mr George Sumnerlin, the State Department's Protocol chief.

Received By Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day received the Duke and Duchess of Windsor for a half hour. The Windsors are en route to their ranch in Canada. The Duke said that he was "absolutely confident" that Britain will win the war. He visited Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State and Admiral Emory Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission who told the Duke that everything possible was being done to maintain a bridge of ships to Britain.

Blow For War-Time Profiteers

Corporation Profits To Be Limited In U. S.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (UP).—At a press conference to-day, the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr Henry Morgenthau, asserted that the profit motive must be eliminated from the defence programme.

He stated that Treasury experts have started drafting a bill under which corporation profits would be limited to six per cent. for the duration of the emergency. He also announced the six per cent. profit idea yesterday because the "complacency of this country called for something like this from me."

The proposal would curb the inflationary trend; moreover, it would mean that all business would contribute to the defence programme. He was of the opinion that "big business is as patriotic as anyone and I think that they will co-operate."

Not To Be Repeated

He declared that there was no reason why some individuals and corporations should be allowed to make large profits when hundreds of thousands are serving in the armed forces for a dollar a day, and other sections of the population are making sacrifices. He recalled that during the world war, "many people stayed home and made much money."

He concluded by saying that he would endeavour to draft an equitable law; "however somebody has got to be hurt. We cannot live as we have been. We cannot continue to live the way we have and still be the arsenal of Democracy. Business as usual should be out of the window, but it's not out yet."

Market's Reaction

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—A recommendation by Mr Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, that all profits should be limited to six per cent. during the present emergency caused to-day one of the sharpest stock market breaks since April.

Steel, motors, aircraft and other industrial specialties were among the first to tumble, declines ranging from one to five points. But the extreme losses were in many cases reduced before the market closed when news from Washington suggested that Mr Morgenthau's suggestion is likely to encounter strong opposition in both Houses of Congress.

Some 1,200,000 shares changed hands during the day which was the largest total for two months.

Rejection Predicted

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (UP).—Senate and House of Representatives experts have predicted privately that Congress will reject Mr Henry Morgenthau's proposal to limit corporation profits to six per cent.

Members of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee said that there was no reason why Congress should reverse the position adopted in the recently enacted \$3,553,400,000 Defence Revenue Programme when it rejected the Treasury's recommendation that the present method of computing taxes be abandoned and all corporations required to pay excess profit rates on all earnings exceeding eight per cent. of their capitalisation.

Australia's Anti-Tank Guns

SYDNEY, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Australian-made anti-tank guns are now rolling off the assembly line at a faster rate than yet attained in the United States, says a "Morning Herald" special writer after a visit to a great South Australian ordnance factory.

The first Australian anti-tank gun was produced in April. Now manufacture is speeded up so rapidly that the full scheduled output is reached.

This main factory with 50 component manufacturing shops was erected in three months; the wartime ordnance organisation bearing comparison with the most efficient factories of Britain and Germany.

Many anti-tank guns have already been shipped to equip members of the Australian forces overseas.



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Success Of R.A.F. Raids Over France Reviewed

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—New evidence proving the success of the R.A.F.'s recent daylight offensives has been secured by reconnaissance, states the Air Ministry news service. Sunday's attack on the electric power station and chemical works at Gosnay near Bethune was conspicuously successful.

A strong force of British fighters kept the Messerschmitts away enabling the Blenheim bombers to make steady bombing runs over the great area of the works and almost at leisure to direct their missiles at the most important and vulnerable parts.

The power station's southwest boiler-house received one and possibly two direct hits while the northeast boiler-house was also hit.

Other bombs burst on the railway trucks. Several more fell along the southwest edge of the dynamo-house and the coal-washing plant. The coal conveyor and workshops were hit again and again. The chemical works received at least six direct hits while other bombs burst on the oil pipeline.

Finally incendiaries fell right among the oil tanks where they were likely to do as much harm as anywhere in the plant.

At Hazebrouck

Hazebrouck's important railway yard was bombed last Saturday by Blenheims with a fighter escort and received high explosives just where they were most effective. Several direct hits were scored at the point where the railway trucks converge to a bottleneck.

The large engine-shed and rolling stock were also hit. Much damage was also done on Saturday to shipyards of Ateliers at Chantiers de Normandie on the banks of the Seine at Grandqueville. Bombs fell on the workshop forming the east and south boundaries of the shipyard. Other bombs burst on and near the oil tanks some of which were wrecked in earlier attacks on these shipyards.

On this busy Saturday Blenheims also vigorously attacked Cherbourg docks. One stick of bombs burst on the submarine shelters others bursting among harbour craft.

Apart from these attacks on targets which have become essential parts of the German war machine, bombers also made daylight raids during this busy week-end over the Norwegian, German and Dutch coasts.

French Ambassador

CHUNGKING, Sept. 25 (Central News).—The French Ambassador, Mr Henri Cosme who left Tientsin on Wednesday by steamer, is due in Shanghai to-morrow. Mr Cosme went to North China several months ago to spend his summer.

KIDNAPPING IN PEIPING

Tokyo Responsibility

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Sir Robert Grier, the British Ambassador in Tokyo, has taken up with the Japanese Government the matter of the disappearance of Mrs Denzil Clarke, wife of the British Assistant Press Attaché in Peiping, who is believed to have been kidnapped.

Representations have already been made to the local Japanese authorities in Peiping.

It is highly probable, states "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent, that Germans are at the back of this outrage as they were behind the wholesale arrests of British subjects last year, for it is extremely curious that whenever relations between Great Britain and Japan appear to be showing signs of improvement some incident of this kind occurs to set them back.

The British Government hold the Japanese responsible for the disappearance of Mrs Clarke as they are responsible for the maintenance of law and order in Peiping.

Search Intensified

PEIPING, Sept. 25 (UP).—The British Embassy to-day stated that the Clarke case is more hopeful owing to the increased activities of the Japanese authorities.

The Japanese Embassy spokesman said that an unspecified number of Japanese gendarmes and Chinese military police are searching for Mrs Clarke inside and outside of Peiping. He said that many Japanese believe that Mrs Clarke "possibly desired to go elsewhere," and when asked whether he believed that she had been kidnapped, he replied, "We don't know. That is why it is so hard to look for the culprit."

General Sentenced To Death

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VICHY, Sept. 25 (UP).—A High Court martial to-day sentenced to death in absentia, General Paul Legentilhomme, former Commander of the French Forces at Djibouti who rallied to General de Gaulle and led the Free French in Syria.

STRIKE PICKETS FOOLED

Smart Move By Steam Laundry Manager

Steam Laundry Company workers who are on strike were fooled this morning when they picketed roads leading from the workers' quarters to the laundry in an attempt to prevent nearly 100 women from returning to work. The Company's manager last evening had the women taken home in lorries and collected again this morning, the pickets looking on helplessly as the lorries rolled into the laundry compound.

Most of the male workers who decided against striking remained at the laundry last night, but a few returned to their houses. There they were visited by strikers and this morning these men failed to return to work. It is believed they were intimidated against continuing to work.

30 New Hands Engaged

The Steam Laundry has engaged 30 new hands and is therefore able to continue to operate, although it still has only a skeleton staff.

The strikers yesterday failed to apply for their wages at the Company's office, and the money is now being handed over to the Labour Officer, from whom the strikers must collect if they desire their wages due to them up to the time they downed tools.

Strikers are picketing outside of the works to-day, but are doing it quietly and no disturbances have taken place.

Indian Air Force To Be Expanded

SIMLA, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Existing facilities are inadequate to cope with the expansion of the Indian air force which will shortly take place. All recruits will be granted commissions for the duration of the war immediately they have completed their training. Under the former system, those who could not be immediately absorbed were returned to civil life until their services were required.

This assurance of a commission for an indefinite period will give a great impetus to the number of applications from all over India to join the air force.

For three weeks large-scale aerial exercises have been held by the Indian Air Force.

Observers expressed the greatest satisfaction in the performance of the Indian pilots whose skill in handling their aircraft in the most advanced manoeuvres caused general admiration.

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Free French Cabinet Announced

10 National Commissioners

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LONDON, Sept. 25 (UP).—The new Free French National Committee which the *de facto* Free French Government has announced, will have General De Gaulle as President with ten National Commissioners.

These are Maurice de Jean, Foreign Affairs; General Paul Louis Legentilhomme, War; Vice Admiral Emile Henri Mueseler, Navy and Mercantile Marine; Rene Pleven, Economy, Finance and Colonies; Rene Cassin, Justice and Public Education; Andre Diethelm, Interior, Labour and Information; Air Commander Martial Valin, Air; Commander George Thierry d'Argenlieu, National Commissioner without Department.

M. Hauck has been named Director of Labour and M. Althand, Director of Economy.

M. Pleven is also charged with the co-ordination of affairs among the Civil Commissioners. General de Gaulle said that the Committee will "direct the policy of administering Free France."

Personalities

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The first incomplete list of Polish casualties contains the names of more than 1,000 Polish officers and non-commissioned officers killed.



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ERSATZ MORALE

In "Mein Kampf" Adolf Hitler has written of the inability of Imperial Germany to comprehend the forces that would lead men to face death of their own free will. A report by the Committee for National Morale, a group of university psychologists, medical men and social scientists with headquarters in New York, indicates that a similar inability to appreciate fundamental values exists in Nazi Germany to-day. The Nazi soldier, the report shows, is a product of applied psychology plus medical and alcoholic stimulus. Analysis of hundreds of German books on the psychology of war has disclosed an attempt to foster a sort of synthetic morale out of ersatz ingredients.

The morale consists of a one-track line of thinking wholly absorbed with the idea of attack. It is bolstered by uniforms designed to give the soldier an exaggerated sense of his own prowess. Evidently retreat and defeat are concepts consciously excluded from his mental equipment. He is protected from ridicule. When all these applications fail to overcome his fear in combat, resort to drugs and alcohol is apparently in order, according to the Committee's report. Thorough as is the German soldier's training, the extensive development of psychological methods by the Nazis indicates moral weakness rather than strength. Moreover, in this war as in the last, the emphasis on purely material factors has led German officialdom to make the mistake of underestimating the staying power of their chief opponent, Britain.

It is obviously impossible that the British public could have been exposed to the so-called benefits of applied psychology as practised in German military circles. The individual Briton has had to learn to stand on his own moral feet. In so doing Britons have discovered surprising reserves of courage and of physical as well as moral strength in themselves. Some have been at a loss to explain their experience. Others have recognised that their strength came from a consciousness of the righteousness of the cause to which they had dedicated themselves.

For example: when in 1939 Britain's Government decided to oppose Nazi aggression even at the cost of war, British people felt a sense of peace in their country that had been absent throughout many months of "appeasement." This was a morale that no amount of applied psychology could have produced. Nor could the military forces schooled in theories of ruthless attack break through it. Just as the German authorities in 1914 had learned little from the history of free peoples making willing sacrifices for righteous causes, so the Nazis have apparently learned little. Nor has Hitler, who in the days when he wrote "Mein Kampf," saw so clearly the German mistake of underestimating truly moral values, avoided a similar mistake in German organization for the present war.

It should be a cause for encouragement among champions of freedom and justice everywhere that the natural ingredients of bravery and strength are native to the cause for which free men stand. For they can know why right is right, and that they are supported by "overlasting arms."

VERBATIM REPORT OF MR W. J. ANDERSON'S EVIDENCE

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Then, what do these two characters Y. C. mean?—Cement concrete walls were to be measured by cubic yard. When I said no just now I thought you meant the building of walls with stones.

The Chairman: That is all we require from you at the moment.

Witness: I hope you will make still further inquiries to clear up the matter.

The Chairman: You may rest assured we will do that.

The next witness called was Mr William John Anderson, Controller of Stores.

The Chairman: How long have you been acting as Controller of Stores?

Mr Anderson: I have been holding the substantiated post since June, 1939.

What are the functions of the Controller of Stores?—The functions of the Controller of Stores are to do purchasing for Government.

As far as control of stores is concerned, you are really the purchasing agent for the Government of Hongkong.

What is the normal procedure for the purchase of stores?—Imported stores are normally bought through the Crown Agents of the Colony. Stores made locally are bought by contract for a period of time. For instance, the war we made what are called three-month contracts.

What is the normal system of purchasing by contract?—We collect all the information and estimates of the stores that we require, after which we make out the necessary schedules and then they are advertised in the "Government Gazette."

Tenders Called For

And then tenders are called for?—Yes.

Are they called for in the "Government Gazette"?—Yes.

Under General Order 400, I see that in stores which may be purchased in the Colony, unless the estimated cost is less than \$200, they are to be obtained by contract after public tender.

That is correct.

If, however, no tenders are made or the Government has grounds to believe that the tenders sent in are collusive or unreasonable, other arrangements may be made.

All tenders will be submitted to a Board of not less than three persons arranged by the Government.

The Chairman is ex-officio Chairman of the Tender Board and the other members are the Postmaster-General, the Controller of Stores and the head of the department, then the Chairman of the Urban Council.

Therefore there is what is known as a Tender Board here?—Yes.

And normally all tenders are submitted to them for decision?—Yes.

Is that all that was followed in practice?—Yes, so far as local stores are concerned.

Has that been followed so far as the A.R.P. is concerned?—That I cannot say. There are services and stores and in services unless the tender is put before the Board, I would not know about it.

What do you mean by Services?—Services are like the P.W.D.

Not Brought To Board's Notice

Let us confine ourselves to stores. In your knowledge... in my knowledge I cannot say that stores not purchased through me had been submitted to the Tender Board. If the Director of A.R.P. wants, for instance, to purchase sandbags, he may make his own arrangements to obtain approval from Government direct, which case I would not know about. I am asking you, as a member of the Tender Board, if you know whether there had been any tenders for purchase of stores in connection with A.R.P. work which were not brought to the notice of the Tender Board?—Yes, I do know.

Can you give us an instance or instances of what you do know?—The only tenders that I know which were called for A.R.P. stores and which were not submitted to the Tender Board were those to which, I believe, approval was given by the Government.

In writing or verbally?—In writing, I believe.

Which Government are you talking about?—I am speaking of Sir Geoffrey Northcote and also General Norton.

Don't Know What To Say

I take it then that the Government has power to override the Board if it wishes?—I don't know what to say.

Do you know anything about the purchase of picks and shovels for the A.R.P.?—I do.

Can you tell us briefly what you do know?—I have a very brief statement here which I have submitted to the Director (Legal advisers to the Commission).

I don't want the whole statement though I would like you to refer to it from time to time. What I want to know is briefly what you know about the picks and shovels.—Tenders were invited for the supply of 10,000 picks and 10,000 shovels.

When was that?—In December, 1940. The lowest tender was that of the Sin Hwa Trading Company, also known as the Diaward Steel Works. Their tender was \$1.80 for each pick and each shovel.

Instruments Tested

Were these instruments tested?—They were tested by the P.W.D. and found to be satisfactory. Being of the lowest standard they were approved by the Tender Board.

The next request was for 10,000 picks and 10,000 shovels by the D.A.R.P. in March, 1941. Quotations were called for and four tenders were received from the Diaward Steel Works, Jardine's, Dodwell's and Lacon and Co. The lowest tender was that of the Diaward Steel Works, whose prices were the lowest. The prices of the Diaward Steel Works for picks and shovels were exactly the same as that of the Sin Hwa, but the price for the

most satisfactory picks and shovels submitted were those tendered for by Jardine's, Dodwell's and Lacon and Co., all of whose tenders were of the same price. The recommendation was submitted direct by the D.A.R.P. to the Tenders Board. Before a decision was reached, it was brought to me by the Financial Secretary, Chairman of the Tenders Board, to inquire into these tender prices because of the fact that three firms—Jardine's, Dodwell's and Lacon and Co.—had all quoted for picks and shovels manufactured by the Sin Hwa firm.

Jardine's Tender

Did the D.A.R.P. ever recommend that the types by Jardine's although a few cents higher, should be accepted?—He did.

And Jardine's got their articles from China?—Yes, but that regarding the recommendation was altered on the advice of the Director of the Public Works Department who suggested that the order should be increased from 10,000 picks and 10,000 shovels to 15,000 picks and 15,000 shovels, and that that order should be placed equally between three European firms which had tendered.

Although their tenders were higher than that of Diaward?—Yes.

When you say the Director of the Public Works Department, who do you refer to?—Mr Pearce.

In practically all the A.R.P. purchases and work done, he really acted as D.P.W. and not Mr Purves?—I believe so.

Recommendation Of P.W.D.

You say that on the recommendation of the P.W.D. these three firms' tenders were recommended to be accepted although the Diaward tender was still lower and in spite of the fact that previously their articles had been accepted and found satisfactory?—Yes.

What was the next thing that happened?—I interviewed a firm representative of the Sin Hwa firm. I was not satisfied that it was because I was not satisfied with three firms for the same goods manufactured by another firm.

For whom they were apparently acting as agents and as such would be paid a commission?—Quite correct.

What happened when you interviewed the representative of the Sin Hwa firm?—One of my European staff was present at the interview and to the best of my knowledge it was B. C. Lam.

Firm Interviewed

What was the result of the interview?—I asked the representative of the Sin Hwa firm why his firm had not tendered direct to Government for this business. The reply given was that they had to wait over six weeks for payment on a previous large order from the A.R.P. Department and they could not do so again as they had little liquid money available to enable them to meet their overhead expenses. For that reason they had asked firms to tender on their behalf who could add to their own suitable size and of the Sin Hwa firm that the Store Department would accept delivery in lots as ready and payment would be made within three days from date of delivery and acceptance of the goods. Their representative informed me that they were prepared to quote on a revised price which would be less the commission that they would have to pay to their agents.

A commission of 5 per cent?—Yes. I then reported to the Chairman of the Tender Board in writing the result of my interview.

Extra Tools Explained

Yes?—I also at the same time raised the point whether it was necessary to increase the order from 10,000 picks and 10,000 shovels to 15,000 picks and 15,000 shovels. The Tenders Board, on the recommendation of a technical expert approved of the Sin Hwa standard.

From the P.W.D. The Tenders Board approved of the tender for 10,000 picks and 10,000 shovels only. The question of the additional 5,000 of each was referred back to the Hon. D.P.W. and the D.A.R.P. The D.P.W. reported that the increase in the number had nothing to do with the increasing out of the order to three firms but rather to have sufficient tools available whereby people in the dispersed areas may be able to provide some form of trench protection for themselves as it was impossible in the D.P.W.'s view, to look to the Government for such assistance. The number, he said, was based on one pick and one shovel to each unit of 10 persons. He suggested that the D.A.R.P. should also report on the matter. He was inclined to recommend a reduction in view of another connection with this matter. The D.A.R.P. expressed the opinion that the present allowance of one pick and one shovel for every 10 persons was inadequate and to reduce it further would be unwise. He therefore recommended strongly that 5,000 picks and 5,000 shovels, additional to the original order, should be placed. On this advice, the Chairman of the Tenders Board minutes: "I am not sure of this—but in the result the Sin Hwa firm got the additional order for 5,000 picks and 5,000 shovels."

Further Request

On June 17, 1941, did you get a further request from the A.R.P.?—Yes, for 700 picks and 1,000 shovels, 200 pick-axes and shovels and 200 crowbars. In this case, the low standard of the Diaward Steel Works was accepted.

Was this passed on to the D.A.R.P.?—Yes.

What did he recommend?—He recommended that 700 pick-axes and 1,000 shovels should be awarded to the Diaward Steel Works, whose prices were the lowest. The prices of the Diaward Steel Works for pick-axes were exactly the same as that of the Sin Hwa, but the price for the

shovels was lower. He recommended that the tenders for the other pick-axes and shovels and crowbars should be given to Sin Hwa. This was approved by the Tenders Board.

That is all you know about the dealings of the Stores Department with A.R.P. services?—Yes.

Hurricane Lamps

Do you know anything about the purchase of hurricane lamps?—Yes. In March, 1941, the D.A.R.P. requested the Stores Department to make an estimate of the cost of hurricane lamps. Tenders were called for from three firms, Lacon and Co., Mon Chung and Wing Chung.

While the tenders were out—these were not advertised but were sent to firms on our registered list—the question arose regarding the supply to all tunnels of hurricane lamps for emergency purposes. It was decided to hold over further action on the original A.R.P. requirements in order, if possible, to make the bulk of the purchases of lamps for all Departments, including probable additional lamps which the D.A.R.P. had indicated he might require.

The D.A.R.P. was required to submit a supplementary list of requirements. This was received on May 12, 1941, but on May 22, however, a representative of the Sin Hwa Manufacturing called on my assistant, Mr Carr, and informed Mr Carr that the Stores Department was calling for tenders for hurricane lamps.

Quotations Called For

You don't know how they got hold of this information?—Mr Carr asked where he had received his information and he replied that he had been to the A.R.P. Department.

Did he say that he had been told quotations had been called for?—Yes. The representative of the Sin Hwa firm asked Mr Carr if his firm could quote a price. He was informed that there was no objection. On the same day, the Sin Hwa Manufacturing submitted quotations for hurricane lamps, Type No. 222 at \$1.50 each and Type No. 333 at \$1.35 each.

Do you recollect what the prices were from the other three firms who had been originally approached?—Yes.

Were they lower or higher?—To the best of my recollection, only Lacon and Company submitted a lower price than Sin Hwa.

Did the D.A.R.P. later ask for the original quotations received to be sent to him?—Yes. His answer as his reason that he wanted them to settle his own departmental requirements. The Stores Department sent the quotations to him.

Including that from Lacon and Co.?—Not the official quotations, but sent in a separate letter.

You also sent the Sin Hwa quotations to the D.A.R.P.?—Yes.

D.A.R.P. Recommendation

What was the next thing that happened? Did the D.A.R.P. report to you that the hurricane lamps had been inspected by the Tunnels Committee and that they suggested that owing to their suitable size and other qualities, he recommended the purchase of lamp Type No. 333 manufactured by Sin Hwa?—Yes.

Did he say that it now appeared that the firm should be checked upon and tender for various store parts?—Yes.

Type No. 333 by the Sin Hwa Manufacturing was recommended to the Committee and the tender submitted was \$1.15 for each lamp?—Yes.

What was the tender submitted by Lacon and Co.?—Approximately \$1.32.

Reduced Price

So we have this position. From \$1.35 each which was originally quoted by the Sin Hwa Manufacturing against Lacon's price of \$1.32, the Sin Hwa Manufacturing later reduced their price to \$1.15 after the D.A.R.P. had seen all the tenders?—Yes.

The price of \$1.15 was approved by the Tenders Board?—Yes.

The reason given for acceptance of the Sin Hwa tender was the reason given by the D.A.R.P. in reply as to their suitability?—Yes.

Do you know anything else about hurricane lamps?—That is all.

Galvanised Iron Buckets

I think you know something in connection with the purchase of galvanised iron buckets for the A.R.P. service. Am I correct in saying that on March 6, 1941, the D.A.R.P. requested your Department to place an order for 8,000 buckets?—Yes.

You invited tenders?—Six firms answered. We sent for tenders from each of our registered firms.

Can you tell us the names of these firms?—Not all, but the Sin Hwa Manufacturing and the Diaward Steel Works were included.

You received tenders from all the firms?—Yes.

Who were the lowest tenderers?—Diaward, at \$1.50 each.

Sin Hwa's tender was what?—\$1.05.

Were these tenders forwarded to the D.A.R.P.?—They were forwarded for recommendation.

On April 1, 1941, did he reply that he must be guided by the recommendation of the Fire Brigade and the Railway Department?—Yes.

Could Make Cheaper, Better

What did you do then?—I got in touch with the Chief Mechanical Engineer to the Railway and asked if he could not make the galvanised iron buckets in his workshop. He asked for a sample and said it would be possible. He said that he could make the buckets better than Sin Hwa and at a cheaper cost. I promptly placed an order with the Railway Department.

Can you tell us this? How did it come about that the Railway Department advised the D.A.R.P. to accept Sin Hwa's tender of \$1.05 and subsequently said that they could make better buckets at a cheaper cost?—I cannot answer the question as I do not know.

Did you not tell the Chief Mechanical Engineer that the D.A.R.P. had already advised you to purchase from Sin Hwa at \$1.05 each?—At an interview with the Chief Mechanical Engineer, I did point out the recommendation of the acceptance of the tender and drew attention to a previous occasion when he made another type of bucket and I asked if he could not do the job.

The next result was that an order for 8,000 buckets was given to the Railway Department and they supplied it at a cheaper price than Sin Hwa?—Yes.

Steel Helmets

Do you know anything about steel helmets which were purchased for the A.R.P. Department?—Yes. The first purchase of steel helmets was made by the D.A.R.P.

Direct?—Yes, with the approval of the Government in July, 1940, for 2,000.

Who supplied them?—Sin Hwa at \$4.00 each. The next order was a request from the D.A.R.P. in August, 1940, asking the Stores Department to obtain quotations for a further 2,000. Tenders were invited and only one quotation was received and that was from Jardine, Matheson and Co. who tendered on behalf of the Diaward Steel Works at \$4.00 each. The tender was submitted to the D.A.R.P. for his recommendation and the tender from Jardine's was recommended and Government approved of that recommendation.

Why Tender Was Accepted

An order was accordingly placed with Jardine's?—Yes; on November 23, 1940, tenders were again invited at the request of the D.A.R.P. for 3,000 helmets. In this case, two firms quoted, Jardine's on behalf of the Sin Hwa Manufacturing who offered two samples (a) at \$4.50 each and (b) at \$4.80 each, and the other tender was from the Sin Hwa Trading Company (Diaward Steel Works) at \$4 each. The tenders were submitted to the D.A.R.P. who recommended that Jardine's sample (b) at \$4.80 each should be accepted for the reason that it was the only satisfactory helmet submitted.

The D.A.R.P. obtained direct Government authority to increase the number from 3,000 to 7,000 and in his recommendation, he said that he was of the opinion that it might be well worth while to approach the successful tenderer in view of the number and see if the price could not be reduced. Jardine's were approached and they agreed to reduce the price to \$4.70.

That is ten cents less on each helmet?—Yes.

The position was then that instead of supplying 3,000 helmets at \$4.80 each, they were now going to supply 7,000 helmets at \$4.70 each?—Yes.

Higher Tender Approved

What happened?—The order was placed with Jardine's for 7,000 at \$4.70 each. In February, 1941, the D.A.R.P. requested a tender for another 6,000 helmets. On this occasion two tenders were received, from Jardine's on behalf of the Sin Hwa Manufacturing at \$4.85 each and from the Diaward Steel Works who submitted a lower price.

Do you remember what that price was?—I don't know.

Will you make inquiries and let us have this information?—Yes.

Then what happened?—Both tenders were passed on to the D.A.R.P. for his recommendation. The D.A.R.P. replied to the Controller of Stores that he recommended Jardine's tender.

I think you passed the tender on February 27, 1941?—Yes.

And on that same day, he replied?—Yes, recommending Jardine's.

Did he say why?—Because they had proved to be good. He noted from the tender that delivery could be made in three weeks. He also said that he would have the helmet submitted by the Diaward Steel Works tested, but that this would take at least 14 days.

Without Testing

The position then was that without having tested Diaward's helmet quoted at a lower price, the D.A.R.P. recommended the acceptance of Sin Hwa's?—That was my understanding.

What did you say to that?—He replied that the helmets were urgently required and that Jardine's could supply them in three weeks against Diaward's tender of seven weeks. Time would also be taken in testing the Diaward helmet. He also stated that the risk of waiting seven weeks, even if the test should be satisfactory, was one that he would hesitate to take. He requested me to write these points to the Chairman of the Tenders Board, submitting the tender and added a note that the Diaward Steel Works had submitted the lower tender but the D.A.R.P. reported to me verbally that the helmet made by Diaward was not so satisfactory as the type offered by Jardine's on behalf of Sin Hwa.

Personal Observation

Did he say whether he had tested the Diaward Steel Works helmet?—No, but that from personal observation of the helmet he was of the opinion that the Sin Hwa helmet was superior.

No actual test was taken?—Not to my knowledge.

The result of that was the Government approved of the order being placed with Jardine's at \$4.85 each?—Yes.

Do you know if the Sin Hwa helmet was ever tested prior to the first order?—I know that there was a report made on it.

Before that first order was accepted, did you know if the helmet was tested?—The D.A.R.P. reported to me verbally that he had tested it.

What kind of test?—He said that

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4,000,000 SANDBAGS PAID FOR BUT NOT USED UP TO PRESENT

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It was carried out in conjunction with the Military authorities.

Three Tenders

What was the next thing that happened?—On July 18, 1941, the D.A.R.P. requested that tenders should be invited for 5,000 steel helmets, and tenders were received from three firms, the Chlap Hwa Manufacturing Co. at \$4.05 each, the Diaward Steel Works at \$4.75 and the Diaward Steel Works at \$4.75. These tenders were passed to the D.A.R.P. and he made his recommendation direct to Government, stating that the cheapest tender was that of the Chlap Hwa. He also stated that the Chlap Hwa's tender should be accepted in view of the fact that this firm's helmets had been tested by the Army authorities and passed as very nearly approaching the British-made helmets as far as resistance power to damage is concerned. He also drew attention to the fact that the Chlap Hwa could deliver the 5,000 helmets within 14 days.

The position then was: On July 18 Chlap Hwa tendered for 5,000 helmets at 10 cents lower than the other?—Yes, and for the first time direct to me.

Do you know at that time that there was an additional 2,000 ordered?—No, Sir.

Order Increased

Government accepted the offer at \$4.05 for 5,000 and, later did the D.A.R.P. inform you that he had been authorised to increase this order by a further 2,000?—Yes.

How long after July 18?—It was shortly after.

And as a result of that statement to you, 2,000 more were ordered from Chlap Hwa?—Yes.

So am I right in saying that the position was that on July 18 three firms were told that 5,000 steel helmets were wanted and one firm, the Chlap Hwa, quoted at ten cents less?—Yes.

The other two firms did not know then that shortly after 2,000 more were ordered?—Quite.

You don't know, of course, why it was that all the steel helmets which the D.A.R.P. said were urgently required could not have been ordered at once and so reduce the cost of the tender?—No.

Building A.R.P. Store

Now, Mr. Anderson do you know anything about the building of the A.R.P. Store?—I do.

When did you first come to know about this project?—It had been decided by the Government that when the A.R.P. Store was completed, it would be taken over by the D.A.R.P. from the building contractors.

The store was then handed over to my Department for the storage of A.R.P. equipment that might be later required to be accommodated in this building. As a result of this decision, we carried out from time to time inspections and in these inspections I became acquainted to me that there were certain defects which, in my opinion, should be remedied in view of the fact that I had to operate this Store later.

Am I right in saying that the architects were Leigh and Orange?—Yes.

First Complaint

What did you do then?—The first complaint that I made was in connection with the windows. The Store was designed for air conditioning and I understood that it was to be built with steel windows of the close-shut type which would be practically airtight.

I made in April, 1940 I informed the D.A.R.P. that I was much concerned with the absence of ventilation and that, as the building was intended to be used for the storage of A.R.P. equipment, it was in my opinion, impossible to store satisfactory goods which would be affected by damp atmosphere. I suggested that as windows which could be opened had been installed in the first place, it would be necessary to run an air-conditioning plant continuously during the comparatively cold winter months.

And that would have resulted in a saving?—Undoubtedly. Early in May, 1940, the D.A.R.P. visited the Store and subsequently we exchanged minutes. The D.A.R.P. informed me on May 18, 1940 that as a result of his visit to the Store he was extremely anxious with regard to the condition of the protected clothing which was then stored on the second floor. He drew my attention to the fact that there was no ventilation in this room and that he was convinced that if the protected clothing was to be kept there the whole time it would eventually become a mass. As a temporary measure he suggested that the clothing should be removed to the top storey which, in his opinion, was much cooler. In the meantime, he said he would seek the authority of the Government for the erection of temporary battens upon which the protected clothing would be held. He added that should this suggestion be, by any chance, not approved by the Government, then the only alternative was to ask the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank if they would store the clothing in one of their air-conditioned rooms. He pointed out that even then, it would not be satisfactory, because it was essential for the boxes containing the clothing to be opened as soon as possible. In my reply to him on May 10, 1940, I said that I shared his anxiety in the matter of storage of protected clothing. I said I was aware of the lack of ventilation in the new A.R.P. Store and pointed out that the building inside the Store would be totally unsuitable without air conditioning, unless immediate steps were taken to install windows which could be opened. I also said that I was of the opinion that metal frame windows which could be opened when desired, should be installed. I agreed to remove the boxes of protected clothing to the top floor provided I was given coolies and a lift tackle for the removal of the boxes. Mr. Macklehan

50 lbs p.s.f. Lifting Limit

Who is Mr. Macklehan?—He is of Leigh and Orange. Mr. Macklehan whom I had approached informed me that the load limit in the lifting

tackle was only 50 lbs per square foot and thereupon I said that, in my view, a steel beam should have been put in the roof when the roof was built. I further stated to me that the expenditure in respect of the protected clothing could be avoided when tenders were called for the clothing racks, and also that I could not see any object in storing the clothing in the Bank when we had a new store building.

I agreed with the D.A.R.P. that the temporary storage in the Bank premises would not be a solution for the simple reason that the clothing had to be hung. I further submitted that it was essential that metal frame windows should be installed now, otherwise it would be too late either for urgency or for convenience. The D.A.R.P. thereafter approached the Government and was given approval to install metal frame windows.

I take it that the original idea was to provide the Store with an air conditioning plant?—Has that plant been ordered?—Yes.

Is it installed now?—It will be functioning within the next few days. When was the building put actually functioning?—In June, 1940.

No Air Conditioning

So the Store has been without an air-conditioning plant for nearly 15 months?—Yes.

And in order to make use of the building at all Government had to go to the additional expense of putting steel frame windows which were never intended originally?—Yes.

Do you know off-hand the total cost of the Store to the Government?—I have to ask for the information.

Do you know when the air conditioning plant was actually ordered?—To the best of my knowledge, in July, 1940.

Then it was ordered after the building had been completed?—Yes.

Was it not down in the original plans to have an air conditioning plant at all?—It was, but I understand the delay was due to technical difficulties. By that I mean specifications to the manufacturers at Home.

So the result was that the Store was built by the Government for the urgent need of storing various A.R.P. articles which required air conditioning. That store was built and completed without any air conditioning plant having been installed and no such plant was even ordered until the building had been completed?—Yes.

Do you know how Leigh and Orange happened to become architects for this undertaking?—No, Sir.

Godowns Hired

Do you know whether this Store was built in a condition which enabled stores to be kept in it or whether Government had to hire godowns to keep the articles?—Yes.

Godown space was hired from Marsman's to store sandbags.

Sandbags which were intended to be stored in this Store?—Yes.

And which I take it could not be stored there because the Store was not in a suitable condition to store them?—No, the A.R.P. Store was already over-stocked with sandbags.

Were any other A.R.P. articles or equipment stored in godowns then?—Yes, in Government godowns.

Why was that?—It was stored in the first place because the building was not ready. In the second place because there was no proper room in the Store.

Do you know why there was no proper room there?—That was stocked to capacity. From the time the Store was handed over to me in June, 1940, I have had no occasion to transfer any stores from there to elsewhere for storage.

Why was it necessary to do that before you took it over?—For a short period, we had to move something because of the unsuitability of the building.

You mentioned just now that Marsman's godowns were hired to store sandbags because the A.R.P. Store was filled to capacity by other sandbags. Would it be correct to say that the A.R.P. Store was designed in 1939 and was found in 1940 to be inadequate to hold all the A.R.P. equipment?—Yes.

Purchase Of Sand Bags

Let us now break off the story about the A.R.P. Store and ask you if you know anything about the purchase of sandbags?—In September, 1938 the D.A.R.P. advised Government that plans should be made for the purchase of 3,000,000 sandbags at once and that he had obtained the price of \$8 per 100 bags from Davie, Boag and Co. He added that he expected there would be a reduction in the price for such a large quantity. The advice of the D.A.R.P. was submitted to His Excellency the Governor who agreed that the D.A.R.P. should make arrangements to purchase bags or material to the total of 500,000 on the best terms available, as the possibility of making bags in the Prison had been considered, and it was found unlikely that the Prison could get going on the making of bags before some weeks by which time Davie, Boag and Co. would be able to deliver. The Controller of Stores was informed that time did not permit of the order being placed through him.

Who informed you?—The Hon. the Financial Secretary.

Insufficient Time

I also take it that time did not permit of the General Orders being carried out for tenders?—I understand that that was so. The D.A.R.P. was advised on September 29, 1938 that the price quoted to him by Davie, Boag and Co. was for F.O.B. Calcutta and in view of the fact that the sandbags could not arrive in the Colony in four weeks he considered it advisable to buy direct ex-



MR JUSTICE CRESSALL, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION.

stock in the Colony from Davie, Boag and Co.

Order Increased

Did he mention any other firm?—No. The D.A.R.P. further reported that he had inspected the bags stocked by Davie, Boag and Co. and that he was satisfied that the bags would stand all the necessary wear and tear and would be of the best quality.

The order was increased from 250,000 to 500,000. At the same time the D.A.R.P. notified Davie, Boag and Co. that he was prepared to accept second-hand bags provided they were up to requirements. The order was fixed at 450,000 at 14½ cents each, and 500,000 at 9 cents each. That was the first consignment.

Did Davie, Boag get this order?—Yes.

And it was not placed through you?—No, it was placed direct by the D.A.R.P.

No Tenders Called For

No tenders were called for?—Not to my knowledge. On February 18, 1939, Davie, Boag and Co. offered the D.A.R.P. 500,000 bags at 11½ cents each, for March-April delivery, ex-Calcutta, and the D.A.R.P., having obtained approval for this purchase, placed the order direct but for 400,000 only at 11½ cents each.

On August 24, 1939, the D.A.R.P. advised Government that every endeavour should be made to purchase the existing stocks of sandbags in the Colony. Also, Davie, Boag and Co. had informed the D.A.R.P. that they had 80,000 bags at 12½ cents each and 70,000 of a rather better quality at 16 cents, available. The D.A.R.P. requested authority from the Government to purchase these two lots and approval was given after submission to His Excellency the Governor. On August 25, 1939, however, Davie, Boag and Co. advised the Stores Department that they had only 80,000 bags and the Controller of Stores informed the Government accordingly, as a result of which the Financial Secretary wrote a minute to the D.A.R.P. that approval had been given for a further purchase of 100,000 bags on the assumption that this quantity was actually ready for delivery.

Gout Approved

In reply, the D.A.R.P. minute to the Financial Secretary that Davie, Boag and Co. had left him with the impression that that order could be accepted immediately and in view of His Excellency the Governor's decision that Essential Services were to be issued with sandbags, the D.A.R.P. submitted that the order placed should stand and Government approved. These were the first three purchases of sandbags, and each purchase was done through direct by the D.A.R.P. on June 23, 1939, the D.A.R.P. requested the Stores Department to invite supplies of 3,500,000 sandbags. Tenders were called for by the Stores Department and 14 firms submitted tenders. The Tender Board, at which the D.A.R.P. was present, approved the acceptance of the two lowest tenders—Marsman's for two and half million at 9½ cents each approximately, and Davie, Boag and Co. for two million at 10½ cents each. An order was placed with these two firms by the Stores Department.

\$325,000 For Sandbags

Were these delivered in Hongkong?—Yes, not F.O.B. Calcutta. On January 1, 1940, the D.A.R.P. informed the Stores Department that he had \$325,000 available in his estimates for the further purchase of sandbags and desired a reduction of the current price. The Controller of Stores replied that he was not aware of the actual market price, though he had been informed by Davie, Boag and Co. that their price was 24 cents each bag. The Controller of Stores also pointed out to the D.A.R.P. that supplies should be obtained in future from the Department of India, in accordance with instructions. Thereafter there was correspondence between the Controller of Stores and the D.A.R.P. and Government.

Supplies Of Jute

In reply to my minute, continued witness, the D.A.R.P. wrote to the Colonial Secretary on January 22, 1940 that heretofore sandbags had been purchased through local tenders and that this procedure indirectly helped him with his work. On January 25, the Financial Secretary wrote to the Controller of Stores that previous inquiries produced no satisfactory results from India and asked for quotations from Davie, Boag and Co. To this, the Controller of Stores replied that he had seen the memorandum on the functions of the Department of Supply, that India was the largest supplier of jute, that that Department had arranged to deal in jute goods, and that such goods ordered by Government would be given priority. He also pointed out that sandbags had been imported by local merchants and that Davie, Boag and Co. received the first order at 14½ cents each whereas the last

lot purchased by tender was 10½ cents. The Financial Secretary then wrote to the D.A.R.P. saying that his attention had been drawn by the Controller of Stores to supplies from India and that he agreed to it. The D.A.R.P. replied that he hardly thought he could express any other opinion than in his minute of January 22 to the Colonial Secretary.

System Helped Him

His minute of January 22 expressed the view that the sandbags had been purchased through local tenders and that the system indirectly helped him with his work?—Yes. The matter was then referred to the Governor who decided that supplies should be obtained from the Department of Supply.

Government Did Not Agree

So the Governor did not agree with the view of the D.A.R.P.?—He did not.

So you took over the business on behalf of the Government for sandbags?—Yes and I placed an order for 2,000,000 sandbags with the Department of Supply.

Davie, Boag had told you they could supply at 24 cents, did you tell the D.A.R.P. that?—Yes.

He questioned that and then subsequently he submitted a letter to the effect that he had received from Davie, Boag a quotation of 18½ cents?—Yes.

Do you not know how he got that, you don't?—No.

You placed an order for 2,000,000 bags with the Department of Supply?—Yes, and they were delivered at 15½ cents which worked out 3¼ cents less than Davie, Boag's quotation to the D.A.R.P.

Number Purchased

Do you know that number of sandbags purchased for the A.R.P.?—7,500,000.

And the total cost?—Approximately \$900,000.

That includes, of course, the 2,000,000 you ordered from India?—Yes.

And the amount received by Davie, Boag for sandbags supplied to the A.R.P. was roughly \$580,000?—Yes.

A total of 7,500,000 bags were ordered, what is the total number to date in stock available for issue?—4,354,110. That was yesterday.

Then I take it that over 4,000,000 sandbags have not been used?—Yes.

Although it was a matter of urgency that they were first ordered?—Yes.

Stock Carried

And the position is that Government is carrying a stock of nearly 4,000,000 sandbags which they paid for and up to date no use had been found for them?—Yes.

You don't know where the sandbags that have been used have been used, do you?—To my knowledge, never, the Governor.

Do you know, if anybody had inspected, on behalf of the Government, the second-hand sandbags which Davie, Boag supplied?—I only know that in October 1939 Mr R. P. Dunlop, of the Hongkong Electric and connected with the A.R.P. Auxiliary, complained that the sandbags were of most inferior quality, the worst he had ever seen. He made that complaint to the D.A.R.P., and as a result of this the D.A.R.P. asked the Controller of Stores if we could name the supplier. He was informed that the bags were supplied by Davie, Boag and Co. on the D.A.R.P.'s order in September, 1938.

Worst Ever Seen

So Mr Dunlop complained that the bags ordered by the D.A.R.P. were the worst he had ever seen, the D.A.R.P. asked who was the supplier and you informed him Davie, Boag with whom he had been dealing directly?—Yes.

And who received \$500,000 for supply of sandbags which Mr Dunlop said were the worst he had ever seen?—Yes.

You mean the second-hand sandbags?—The lot complained of was supplied in 1938. I don't know if they were second-hand.

The inquiry then adjourned to 3 p.m. to-day.

Scientists' Task After The

Mr Eden dresses To British Association

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—"We had to call on you to help us in the cause for which we are fighting. We shall need you even more for the cause for which we will be working in peace," said Mr Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, to-day, welcoming to the British Council lunch in London delegates to the British Association meeting on Science and world order which is opening to-morrow.

"Hitler's regime and its conception of a master race and subject races is founded on racial intolerance and buttressed by cruelty. It must be overthrown, and so at present your work is destined to be dedicated to the destruction of this regime."

Mr Eden said that there was once in the Heidelberg University the inscription "To the Living Spirit." That has now gone and has been replaced by "To the German Spirit."

Slaves of Regime

It was that same German spirit which made German scientists slaves of the regime which was opposed to everything science represented.

"That spirit has to be overcome. We have to see it in the political sphere that when that spirit has been overcome, precautions will be taken so that the world may not be subjected again to the ordeal it has endured so many times from this same German spirit."

"The advent of the machine has brought astonishing material advances to many but it has led to inequalities, to much selfishness, to unfair division and materialism. If after the war we are going to have many changes with these things, science and statecraft must work together. You will help us and guide us, and if there is any contribution we can make you know we will be only too happy to make it."

DRIVER LACKED CAUTION

Ng Chan-kuen, of No. 13 Cumberland Road, was summoned before Mr H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon Magistrate's this morning for driving his car without due care and caution at Waterloo Road on August 22.

Sgt Whitley who prosecuted, said that about 5.05 p.m. on August 22 he was driving his car along Prince Edward Road and as he reached the junction of the road and Waterloo Road he noticed Defendant's car overtaking a bus which was proceeding to Kowloon Tong along Waterloo Road.

After overtaking the bus Defendant's car suddenly swerved in front of his car causing him to apply his brakes hurriedly in order to prevent a collision. Defendant was followed to his residence and refused to give his name when asked by the Sergeant who was in plain clothes. Later, however, Defendant submitted it to the Sergeant.

Defendant was fined \$50.

FINED \$40 FOR FAST DRIVING

E. C. Clegg of No. 80 Waterloo Road, was summoned before Mr H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon Magistrate's this morning for driving his car at 48 m.p.h. per hour at Nathan Road near Waterloo Road on August 30.

It was stated that the road was quite clear at the time.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$40.

AVIATION PETROL SHORTAGE IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—A study of plans to treble the United States refining capacity for aviation petrol at a cost of approximately \$150,000,000 was announced by Mr Harold Ickes, Minister of the Interior.

He disclosed that the Navy had entered the market within the last few days for 600,000 barrels of aviation petrol and had failed to get bids. The Navy is understood to have sufficient high octane aviation fuel for its present needs and was seeking stocks for storage.

Mr Ickes told a press conference that the emergency in respect of high octane petrol was intensified by the needs of Russia and Britain and recalled that he said several weeks ago that the refining capacity should be doubled.

He declared that the situation now required that it should be trebled. Fifty new refining plants were needed to boost the daily refining capacity from 40,000 to approximately 120,000 barrels.

Canberra Envoy to China Will Work With Kerr

RANGOON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—"Australia takes the war most seriously and no change of government makes any difference in this respect," said Sir Frederick Eggleston, the first Australian Minister to China, who is now in Rangoon en route to Chungking, when interviewed by "Reuter."

Sir Frederick added that Australia was making a war effort which was colossal for a nation of 7,000,000. He expressed Australia's greatest admiration for the splendid resistance by China against aggression and especially for the great leaders of the Chinese people.

Emphasising the unity of the Commonwealth, Sir Frederick said that while Australia was taking full responsibility for the protection of her interests in the Pacific, she recognised that the responsibility could be discharged only under a system of co-operation between the British representatives and he hoped fully to co-operate with the British Ambassador in Chungking.

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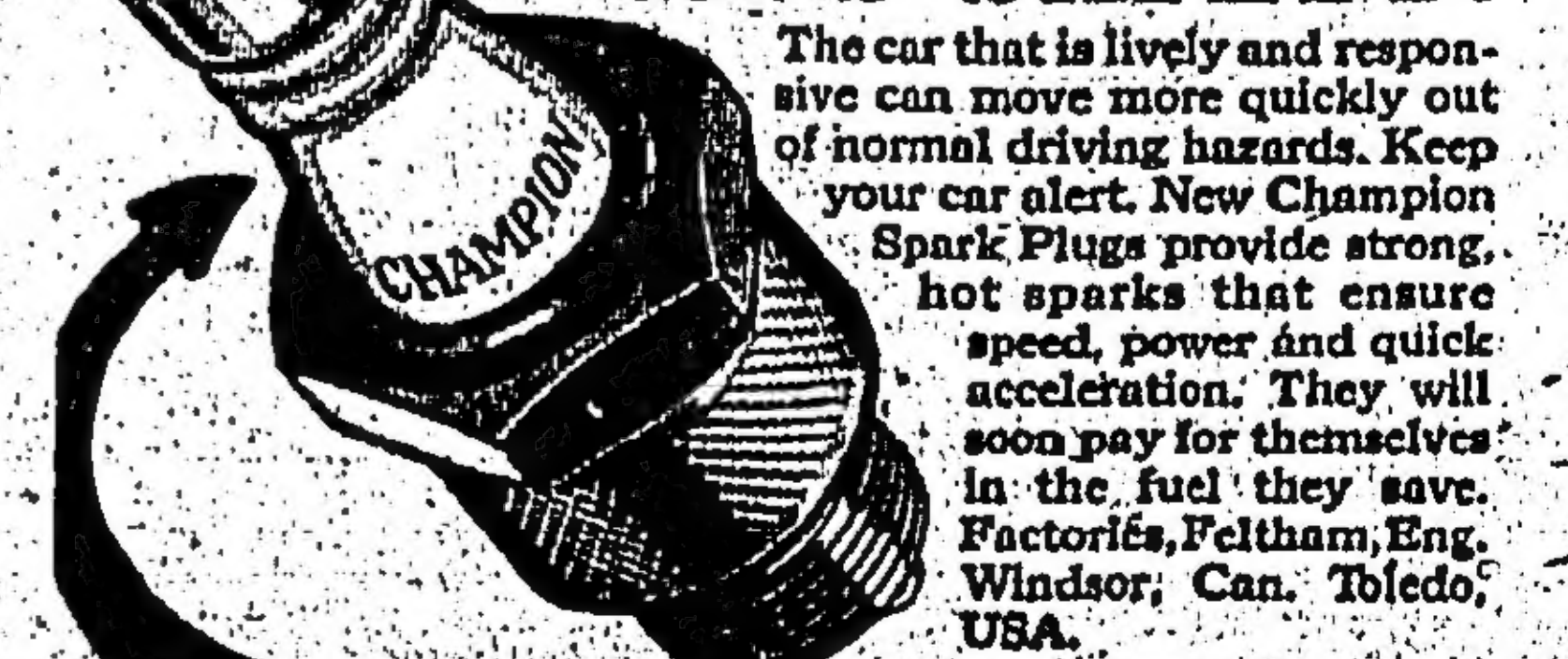
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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Happy Valley Meetings Resume To-morrow

Some Interesting Times Noted At Early Morning Gallops

HAPPY VALLEY will again be the rendezvous of all the sporting celebrities to-morrow for the opening of the second half of the racing season. After a lapse of over three months, the resumption of the race meetings has been looked forward to with considerable interest.

Entries On Generous Scale Indicate Full Fields

Special Sweep

Punters are reminded that the third section of the Gosford Handicap over six furlongs will be the last event of the afternoon.

Attention of racing public is drawn to the fact that a dollar cash sweep will be held on the race, but "all through" numbers will not participate. Tickets can be purchased only at Race Course during the meeting.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box. (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary,

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING

"GOSFORD HANDICAP"

Saturday, 27th September, 1941

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$1 each, will be held on this race but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary,

Hongkong, 20th September, 1941.

TIN HAT DAY

Saturday, Oct. 4, 1941

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Colony Half-mile Aquatic Record Broken

Twenty-five Nominations For Aussies Autumn Plate

THE AUSTRALIAN Subscription Ponies Autumn Plate has attracted no less than 25 nominations, but I have seen much bigger entries before only to be disappointed in the end with a small field.

I have reason to believe that A. Surprising Time carrying 161 lb. bracketed with Happy Returns (164 lb.) and Mainsail (160 lb.) will not go to the post owing to heavy imposts, and, furthermore, the trip is a mid-

dle distance run over the course of 1 1/4 miles.

The strain is too severe a run after a summer rest. However, the result of Point Nepean Handicap (1 1/4 Miles) run on June 2, would be a useful guide for one to get a line. The finish was King's Flight (151 lb.), Happy Returns (140 lb.) and Jus Gentium (152 lb.), and the first pony won by one and a half lengths with two lengths separating the second and the third.

On the strength of that running King's Flight is certainly a few pounds better racer than Happy Returns and Jus Gentium, whereas tomorrow the chairman's candidate has a pull in the weights on account of less amount of stakes won.

But how good will King's Flight be again? Amulet Star, Araby II, Bendigo, Corsair, Lex Fori, Vitamin M, and Wayworth.

I will, however, make my final selections to-morrow after having a list of the probable jockeys.

DAILY DOUBLE

First Leg

THE FIRST LEG of the daily double event is on the Tweed Island Bay Handicap (second section) for "B" class China ponies over a distance from the 1 1/4 mile post, which is generally a run about half mile 155 yards.

My best three are Hopeful Star, Hugger, and Bonson, and they should pass the winning post in the order I have named.

Second Leg

BY MODIFYING the conditions of the Gosford Handicap, it does not appear that in the SECOND LEG of the daily double event it is hard to spot the winner.

The handicapper has assigned eleven ponies to this first section and it should be borne in mind that Araby II and Bendigo have also been entered for the Australian Subscription Ponies Autumn Plate.

However, I doubt that they will accept that event. Shuttlecock has grown in substance and she is well keyed for the big fight. She, Devonian, Nomine Poetrie and Trilumphant Day are on the same level.

Remote Chance

THE last named is more of a stayer than a sprinter, and in the circumstance the prospects of 1939 Rooter-Hill Derby winner are remote. Devonian, formerly owned by Lady Northcote, will be running under Mrs. Stanton's colours and the bay will be, in my opinion, among the first three.

Anzac Day is dangerous over this distance.

Chan Chun-nam Clips Fraction Off Last Year's Time

(By "Tinker")

PRESSED almost all the way by his youthful colleagues, Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping, Chan Chun-nam, long distance champion of both Hongkong and Lai Tsun, set a new time for the men's half-mile free-style in the first day's events of the Colony swimming championships at the V.R.C. last night, clocking 11 mins 15 secs, taking 3/5 sec off his last year's record.

This was the only race that provided anything like a close finish, for it was only over the last two lengths that Chan forged into his winning lead, being content until then to maintain an even yard ahead of the others.

It was anticipated that Miss V. Churn would win the 220 yards free-style for women, but it being a new event, and with favourable reports on several of the other swimmers, there was nothing very definite about it all until the race was in progress.

Once in the water, however, Miss Churn showed a fine measured tempo in her stroke that before the race was half over had put her into a commanding lead.

Well Judged

W. Lawrence swam an excellently judged race to win the 220 yards back-stroke. Lau Yiu-ting (Lai Tsun) set off at a great pace, but could not inveigle the others into following.

A. K. Rumjahn kept his eyes on Lawrence, and endeavoured to match him length by length, but could only manage second place. For three of the four lengths in the women's 100 yards breast-stroke championship, Miss Ko Miu-ling kept up very well with Miss Li Po-luen, and until then the race had the earmarks of a close finish. But over the last lap, Miss Li moved ahead until she finally won by about two yards.

Strenuous Race

THE MOST STRENUOUS race of the evening was the men's 150 yards individual medley race. Ng Nin took first place, and though he won by yards and yards, he took off before the word "go" which gave him at least one of those yards to start off.

The other new event was the women's diving and Miss Jackie Anderson was left without an opponent, Miss Josephine Ng having left the Colony, but she sportingly gave an exhibition which was well received.

The Half-mile

THE HALF-MILE was the race of the evening, and as one spectator remarked was one of the best races for that distance ever seen in the V.R.C. pool.

Up and down the Lai Tsun trio swept (they were the only entrants); Chan in the van with Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping just about a yard behind, and they maintained this order for almost 30 lengths.

Steadily Chan drew ahead after that mark, and won comfortably, but in record time.

Though Lau Tai-ping was a shade ahead of his fellow-competitor, Yau, at that same period, it was not a great surprise that the latter came through to take second place. His spurt over the last few lengths was very fine.

Over a shorter distance the possibility of Lau beating Yau would have been more feasible. Colony record for the 440 yards is 5 mins 25.0 secs, and it is an indication of the speed of this half-mile that Chan covered the quarter-mile in 5 mins 28 seconds (roughly).

V.R.C. Members' events were also swum off and were interspersed with championship events. The second day's programme in the championship will be held in the V.R.C. pool to-morrow night commencing at 8.07 p.m.

Results were:

Colony Championships

Men's 880 yards free-style—1. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun), 11 mins 15 secs (Colony record); 2. Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsun), 11 mins 16.5 secs; 3. Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun), 11 mins 16.5 secs. Previous record was 11 mins 15.5 secs by Chan Chun-nam in 1940.

Women's 100 yards breast-stroke—1. Miss Li Po-luen (University), 2.04 secs; 2. Miss Ko Miu-ling (Lai Tsun), 2.05 secs; 3. Miss Ho Wai-man (South China), 2.22 secs. Colony record—Miss Li Po-luen 1.95 secs, 1940.

Men's 220 yards back-stroke—1. W. Lawrence (V.R.C.), 2 mins 30.2 secs; 2. A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.), 3 mins 0.4 secs; 3. Poon Wing-kai (Lai Tsun), 3 mins 0.5 secs.

Women's 220 yards free-style—1. Miss V. Churn (University), 3 mins 12 secs; 2. Miss L. Guerrero (V.R.C.), 3 mins 14 secs; 3. Miss Ho Wai-kun (C.B.C.), 3 mins 14 secs.

Men's 150 yards individual medley—1. Ng Nin (Sing Tao), 1 min 50.0 secs; 2. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun), 2 mins 2.8 secs.

V.R.C. Events

Junior Members' 50 yards breast-stroke championship—1. J. A. Marques, 33 secs; 2. A. Alves, 34 secs; 3. L. Viera, 35 secs.

Boys' 50 yards free-style handicap—1. L. Bequeira, 56.0 secs; 2. E. Noronha, 56.0 secs; 3. J. Z. Z. 73.0 secs.

Members' 100 yards free-style handicap—1. H. Silva, 73.0 secs; 2. L. Viera, 60 secs; 3. R. Sequeira, 73.0 secs.

Junior Women's 50 yards free-style championship—1. Miss M. Noronha, 33 secs; 2. Miss T. Viera, 35.0 secs.

Junior Members' 50 yards back-stroke championship—1. H. Reynolds, 33.4 secs; 2. E. D. da Rosa, 35.4 secs; 3. G. Saunders, 35.6 secs.

Boys' 15 yards individual medley handicap—1. C. Rosset, 32.2 secs; 2. Rosa-Ferreira, 37.2 secs; 3. J. Gomes, 34.4 secs.

Port Phillip Stakes

Good Field Of Australian Milers

THE PORT PHILLIP STAKES for Australian pony griffins of this season should be quite an interesting event and one may expect to see a field of good milers.

Opening Event

THE OPENING EVENT will be the Island Bay Handicap (first section) for "C" class China ponies to be ridden by novices and the run is over a mile.

There is every possibility of seeing the owner (T. K. Li) up on Galveston Bay, for the bay is certainly a better racer than the stablemate Odeon. However, the nominator has never faced the tape before and I am afraid that Mr. Li will not be able to hold the pony.

Blue Field with the owner S. W. Lee is almost a certainty, and it will be hard to beat the combination. The most dangerous is Red Feather and it looks that Thirty Six is not yet ready.

Pony	Jockey	Weight Class	Distance	Time
1931 Evening Star	Harriman	162 lb.	1 Mile	1.55%
1932 But After That	Frost	170 "B"	1 1/4 Miles	2.20%
Season Ticket	Reidy	170 "A"	1 1/4 Miles	2.10%
1933 The Giraffe	Frost	157 "A"	1 Mile	1.51%
1937 Brutus	Davis	150 "C"	1 1/4 Mile Post	1.00%
1938 Violet Queen	Raymond	146 "C"	6 Furlongs	1.20%
1939 Stratherrick	H. C. Pih	142 "C"	1 Mile	1.48
*1940 Brown Derby	Black	152 "C"	1 Mile	1.47%
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* Dead Heat. † Record.

Cricket League

New Times For Drawing Stumps

Navy, Army And H.K.C.C. Back In Competition

NEW TIMES for drawing stumps for the coming cricket League season, in view of the daylight saving, was decided at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket League yesterday. Mr H. R. B. Hancock was re-elected President, with Mr F. Goodwin vice-President, and Mr A. H. Madar Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Following the Committee's report it was decided that the time for drawing the stumps would be put back half an hour in view of the daylight saving.

For October the time would be advanced from 6.15 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.; for November from 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.; for December, from 5.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.; for January, from 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.; for February, from 6.15 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.; and for April, from 6.15 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.

The matches would commence at 1.45 p.m. in January and February and in the other months at 2 p.m.

The meeting concluded with a decision to donate \$50 to the Children's Playground Fund.

Army And Navy Competing

WELCOME RETURN to the League is the Army, and under the leadership of Lt T. A. Pearce, Inter-Porter, it is announced that they will be entering two teams for the competition.

And there there will also be a team from Navy. With the Services showing the way, yet a third has returned to the fold. The Hongkong C.C. are entering a team in the First Division.

With these three competing again, there will once more be a full programme, and it is hoped, for local cricket is in a bad way that it will mean a revival of interest.

Closing Event

THE CLOSING EVENT, Gosford Handicap (third section) for "C" class Australian ponies, should produce a good tussle between Misty View, Sea Jay and Vitamin M.

The first pony has only 143 lb. to carry, but he can draw the weight, Misty View should win. Much was expected of Vitamin M. at the Annual Carnival, but the mare was a non-combatant for a long time.

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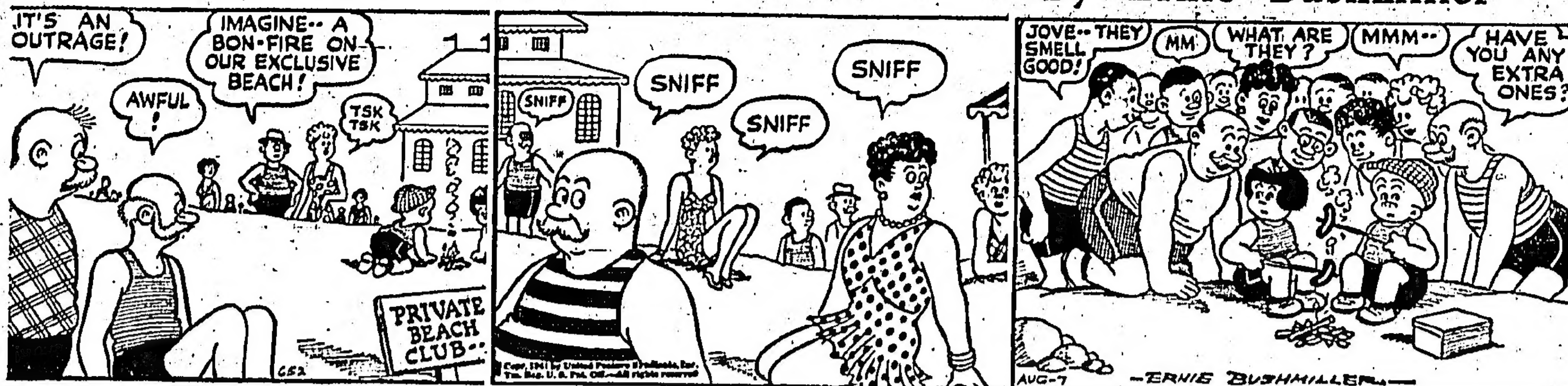
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Major Baseball

Brooklyn Dodgers Win National League Pennant To Meet N. Y. Yankees In World Series

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (UP).—Brooklyn Dodgers today won the National League baseball pennant for 1941, qualifying to meet the New York Yankees, winners of the American Pennant, for the World Series.

To-day, Dodgers whitewashed Boston Braves 6-0, while St. Louis Cardinals, chasing for honours, was beaten 3-1 by Pittsburgh Pirates.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Tobruk Patrols

CAIRO, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—A communiqué issued here states: "In Libya our patrols from Tobruk continue to operate nightly over a wide front. In the frontier area, our patrols have also been active."

Mediterranean Air Assaults Smash Many Enemy Bases

CAIRO, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—An R.A.F. Middle East communiqué states: "Tripoli and Benghazi were again successfully raided by heavy bombers of the R.A.F. during the night of September 23-24."

"At Tripoli, many bombs were dropped on shipping in the harbour and fires broke out. Benghazi harbour and shipping were attacked. One vessel anchored at the outer mole was hit and exploded, debris being thrown a considerable distance. Other bombs burst on the moles and straddled ships at the anchorage."

"Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed buildings near Bardia on the same night. A large fire followed the attack."

"In daylight yesterday traffic on the Benghazi road between Misurata and Sirte was bombed and machine-gunned. A petrol tank vehicle received a direct hit and burst out. Many other vehicles were damaged. Some collided and another ran off the road."

South Africans

"Bomber aircraft of the South African Air Force raided a large dump near Bardia. Our fighters were active in the frontier area and off the North African coast yesterday. In the course of these operations, a number of enemy aircraft were intercepted and damaged."

"In the Ionian Sea, a Cent-500 seaplane was intercepted by our aircraft and shot down. Two of the crew were seen to take to their dinghy."

"Reconnaissance in the Central Mediterranean shows that a large merchant ship attacked by aircraft of the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm during the night of September 22-23 has sunk."

"From all these operations, five of our aircraft are missing. Two of the R.A.F. pilots are safe."

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—Major-General Brett, Chief of the United States Air Corps, accompanied by Lieut-Colonel Fellers, the American Military Attaché at Cairo, and other staff officers, has arrived in Jerusalem.

Japanese Pour Troops Into N. Hunan Battle

CHANGSHA, Sept. 25 (Central News).—Extremely heavy casualties have compelled the Japanese to pour in more troops to support their six columns in northern Hunan, latest field dispatches disclosed.

On the extreme left, the enemy forces lost most heavily in their southwesterly drive from Pingliang towards Wuyang. Out of the 17,000 Japanese troops, more than 3,000 have been killed and wounded up to Tuesday, necessitating the dispatch of 5,000 more men the following day.

The second, third and fourth columns at Wukow, Wuyangshih and Huihsih respectively from the east to the west on the south bank of the Milo River have been increased by 20,000 strong and started southward thrusts simultaneously two days ago. However, all the enemy units have been held back by the Chinese.

North of Toishan

SHIUKWAN, Sept. 25 (Central News).—The Japanese column from Kongmoon and Sunwul numbering about 2,000 which pressed southward along the highway, has reached the vicinity of Tanshukou. At the same time, another Japanese unit going up-river is also nearing the highway town.

Fanling Golf Starting Times

Sunday

Time	Player
9.15	J. Linaker, J. Harrop
9.20	S. S. Church, I. H. Geare
9.25	C. W. E. Bishop, H. Forrester
9.30	R. D. Gilchrist, T. Pearce
9.35	I. H. C. Highet, P. Morrison
9.40	J. C. Jensen, M. A. Annett
9.45	A. D. Purves, W. Hewitt
9.50	R. K. Collins, G. G. Aikenhead
9.55	A. Blackwood, P. A. Redmond
10.00	Capt. Thurbay, R. G. Parker
10.05	S. L. Lloyd, G. M. Park
10.10	R. J. Fenwick, J. A. D. Morrison
10.15	A. McKellar, R. S. W. Paterson

Try-out For Cesarewitch Candidates

NEW MARKET, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—Cesarewitch candidates had a try-out in the Clare Handicap here today, the race being won by Sir Hugo Cunliffe Owen's Versatile over the same two miles course which is being for the Cesarewitch on October 22.

Versatile started favourite at 2-1 and beat Sir Thomas Dixon's Owens-Jean, 4-1, by two lengths. Major Smith Bingham's Paradise Club was third, 8-1, a length behind.

Japanese Mails To U.S.A.

TOKYO, Sept. 25 (UP).—Postal authorities today said that they are accepting until October 3 all mail for dispatch to the United States and Hawaii. However, they declined to clarify as to whether this mail would go aboard a Japanese liner visiting the United States and Hawaii, or would be trans-shipped at Shanghai.

Churchill Statement To House on Soviet

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—The Prime Minister will make a statement on the war situation with special reference to Russia when the House of Commons re-assembles.

The question of whether there will be a debate or not depends on the nature of the statement. The present indications are that the statement will be made in public but little surprise would be caused if part of it was made in a secret session.

Valley Racing Resumes To-morrow

(Continued from Page 6.)

ponies and the first prize is worth \$900 to the winner.

I fancy Contact (Davis) on account of her fine mile gallop of last Tuesday morning and the chestnut covered the mile in 1.50% with 30 seconds for the home stretch.

One thing is certain, however—the mare is not going to have an easy passage, for both Cliflet (Needa) and Springhurst (Poy) are tuned to concert pitch and the finish of this event should be the best of the meeting.

After annexing a race in "C" company, Cheerful Star (D. Craven) is making her first appearance in a class of better runners and the chestnut will no doubt give a good account of herself.

Despite the fact that the champion jockey will be up, I have no confidence in Gloaming to get a place. Piccadilly Jim may or may not start, but the chestnut is, in my estimation, not going well.

Tweed Island Bay Handicap

Much Depends On Start In First Section

WONDERFUL SCHEME holds the post of honour in the Tweed Island Bay Handicap (first section) for "B" class China ponies, but the mare has not been on the course for the last few days.

In her absence, the stable companion Gay Star can be depended to carry the colours to victory, but a lot depends on the start. It is only a scramble from the 1 1/4 mile post and anything may happen.

So Nice is nicely weighted with only 139 lb. to shoulder and the mare, I figure, will be a menace to all.

Avon, Eye of Heaven and Kentucky may show their trump card.

Second Section For Novices

ONE MAY EXPECT to see all the entrants accepting the Island Bay Handicap (second section) for "C" class China ponies and the race is to be ridden by novices over the mile course.

My fancy is Blue Diamond, Emergency Unit and Eye of Peace, and they should finish in that order.

Gosford Handicap (Second Section)

LOOKING OVER the second section of the Gosford Handicap I found that Mr. Alves has assigned five Australian subscription ponies of this season to battle against seven old timers.

On paper Derby Day should be safe over six furlongs, but the mare is getting no younger, and the progeny of Double Court is from 103% class.

Can she last the distance? Cocklerol and Double Finesse are worth considering, but best is to back Twinkling Star.

The Koala Bear is a good outsider and so is Sydney Lady.

U. S. Ship's Special Trip To Shanghai

A report in the Chinese press that an American ship in port is to proceed to Shanghai on a special trip is confirmed here. No passengers are being carried. It is stated and the trip is merely to pick up cargo in Shanghai.



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Rumanians Routed At Odessa

FROM PAGE ONE

Neither of these bastions of Soviet resistance do the Germans appear to have made any headway.

The Germans now assert that the reduction of Leningrad is a matter of two or three days, but they made similar claims on previous occasions, probably with as much justification. Certainly there is no sign of any weakening of confidence in the tone of the Russian communiques and independent news messages from Leningrad. The population, men and women, seem animated with an unbreakable spirit that the Germans matched the ruthless ardour of the Nazi assassins.

In the central sector, fighting seems more stabilized with the initiative with the Soviet in local counter-attacks which have gained some ground and have inflicted heavy losses.

In The South

In the south reports have reached London suggesting that the Germans are launching a fairly heavy offensive against the Crimea. Four divisions are reported to have been allotted this task, that is about 70,000 men, but if the Russian defence is on the scale of other parts of the front, the Germans will find them none too many.

Strong defence lines on the Isthmus, sailors of the Sebastopol naval base who are known to be tough fighting men, and aircraft from the naval and air base in the Crimea will all contribute to the defence.

If the Germans use paratroops and air-borne troops, as in Crete, they must face the fact that the defenders of the Crimea are more numerous than those of Crete, even allowing for the Crimea being three times the size.

German Claims

BERLIN, Sept. 25 (UP).—Authorized German circles to-day asserted that the Luftwaffe, German artillery and storm troops have already smashed the backbone of resistance of the Soviet coastal batteries, naval artillery and field positions on the outskirts of Leningrad.

According to these sources, the main Soviet opposition is now coming from the coast, where German artillery of various calibres as well as machine-guns and anti-aircraft guns in the fortress of Leningrad itself.

Other sources stated that they are not able at present to compare the effect of the bombing of Leningrad with Warsaw and Rotterdam, but they pointed out that Leningrad's buildings are primarily built of wood which permits the conclusion that the devastation will exceed anything thus far in the war.

Finnish Operations

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WITH THE FINNISH ARMY, Svir River, Sept. 25 (UP).—Major General Talvela commanding the operations between the Anzhus and Svir Rivers told the press to-day that he refused to say whether Finnish troops would advance beyond Svir River "because this question is not only of a military but a political character."

"We have taken a number of bridgeheads across the Svir River mainly because we want to safeguard what we have gained so far," he declared.

He told the "United Press" correspondent that all traffic on the Murmansk line between Leningrad and Petroski has been blocked since September 9 when the Finnish troops reached the railway.

Soviet Parachutists

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Sept. 25 (UP).—A Budapest communique states: "Our troops made advances in the Ukraine. Soviet forces attempted to drop parachutists behind the Hungarian lines but these were all dealt with."

Japan's Fascist Leader For A Bolder Policy

FROM PAGE ONE

Armstrong of Springfield, Mo., announced to-day that they are organising a committee on Pacific relations to strengthen the ties between the United States and Japan and also to urge mediation in the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Mr Shaw who was a former Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Japan will be Chairman, while Mr Armstrong, a writer, will be secretary. The latter said that he is sponsoring a Pacific relations conference in Washington next October.

North Sea, Channel Patrols

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).

—An Air Ministry communique states: "Yesterday the weather was unfavourable for air operations but aircraft on patrol continued to attack enemy shipping."

"Off the coast of Norway, Hudson aircraft of the Coastal Command bombed a large enemy supply ship from a low level and off Dunkirk, Hurricane aircraft of the Fighter Command attacked an enemy mine-sweeper with cannon and machine-gun fire."

Philippine Defence

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (UP).

Representative Leo Keelchikowski, Chairman of the Insular Affairs Committee, to-day introduced a Philippine defence bill in the House, setting aside about \$54,000,000 for strengthening the defences of the Commonwealth.

The bill was referred to the Territories Committee. Mr Keelchikowski said the Committee would consider the measure next week.

The bill amends the Philippine Independence Bill to the extent of earmarking the sugar excise tax and the gold devaluation profits for Commonwealth defences.

Instruction Of Russian Tank Crews

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—It is understood that the Russians are establishing schools for the training of crews for British tanks and probably Russian military experts will visit Britain for tank instruction.

Tank production this week will create a record and it is the Government's intention that the record production should be maintained.

The volume of tanks and munitions to be sent to Russia during the winter and the spring of next year will be a high percentage of British production.

Efforts are being made to speed up transport so that British supplies to Russia will arrive in the shortest possible time. Railways and roads in the Middle East are being developed in order to take increased supplies from Britain to Russia.

8 STOWAWAY DISCOVERED

Eight dockyard labourers from Manila were charged before Mr A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning with stowaway on board a President ship from Manila on September 25, and being destitute in the Colony.

Defendants were Pedro Gales, 35, Noses Riquarte, 18, Josi Reyes, 18, Sofronio Moreno, 17, Jose Ruiz, 30, Guan Guerde, 25, Josi Vargas, 17, and Felagio Galand, 24.

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When the ship arrived at the Colony defendants were handed over to the Police.

The American Consulate had been notified of the incident and until now no instructions had been received.

Defendants were ordered to be sent to the house of detention pending instructions from the American Consulate for their return to Manila. An expulsion order was made.

CASTLE PEAK BAY FIRING

Firing practices in Castle Peak Bay and approaches are announced by the Naval Authorities.

On Wednesday, October 1, gun firing will be carried out by one of H.M. ships from Castle Peak Bay in an area enclosing the west and east Brother Islands. A blue flag will be hoisted by the firing ship when ready to commence, and during the period of firing.

All craft are warned to keep clear of this area.

Neutrality Repeal Message Expected

FROM PAGE ONE

Imminent campaign for the repeal or modification of the neutrality act. Senator McKellar asserted that the act observed the Atlantic but disregarded the Pacific, apparently referring to the administration's failure to invoke it in the Sino-Japanese conflict. "By retaining the law, we indirectly are consenting to Germany's claim that she controls part of the Atlantic," he declared.

Empty Statute

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—In the House of Representatives, Mr Roy Woodruff (Michigan) declared that the "President was going to give Congress an opportunity to agree with the President that the Act should be repealed." Mr Woodruff added: "The Neutrality Act is the merest shell of an empty statute which the Government do not intend to enforce. Every informed member of Congress and every informed observer in Washington knows that President Roosevelt has not left a vestige of the Neutrality Act unviolated in spirit if not in letter."

Ragged Remnants

"Judging by President Roosevelt's past performance, it would matter little to him whether Congress did or did not modify or repeal the ragged remnants of the Act because President Roosevelt himself in effect repeals, modifies and amends statutes to suit himself when he feels that the occasion requires it."

"It is a mistake for the American people to be misled into believing that on issue confronts Congress in the sense that the Neutrality Act, as it is, has prevented the President and his administrators from proceeding as they pleased in the conduct of national preparedness, administration of the Lease-Lend Act and the so-called defence of the Western Hemisphere."

A Dead Act

"The American people ought to understand and most of them probably do understand that when the President issued in a world-wide broadcast his famous order to the Navy to shoot on sight any German or Italian submarine surface raider or aircraft, he himself shot the death of the Neutrality Act right through the vitals and it has been, of course, as dead as the dodo since."

Gallup Poll Approves

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Fifty-six per cent of Americans approve in general "for having the United States shoot German submarines or warships on sight" according to the latest Gallup poll.

Thirty-four per cent disapproved and ten per cent were indefinite.

The survey was made approximately a week after President Roosevelt's broadcast on the protection of convoys.

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